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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 6:30-7:30 pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday & 3 p.m. on Saturday; from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays during adoration; First Friday or by appointment.

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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Rev. Marcin Michalak

Deacon

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FIRST WEEK OF

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:42)



Bulletin Deadline: Zp.m. Tuesdays
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November 27, 2022

They make the Bulletin Possible

The Giving Tree project has started at St. Joseph Parish

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 10/11 before Noon. Gifts are going to Sacred Heart Mission in Pembroke, River Valley Pregnancy Center and to families in need. What a great way to enhance your Advent journey and brighten someone's Christmas. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thanks for your participation and your love, compassion and kindness. Happy Advent Season!



Chocolate Advent Calendars for

What a delicious way to Countdown to Christmas! Get your Chocolate **Advent Calendar after Mass this** weekend. Calendars are \$5 each while supplies last. Enjoy a little Bible

lesson and a chocolate each day.

Take Home An Advent Daily Meditation Booklet



May this Advent be a time of spiritual awakening and renewal for you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior of the World. To help you on this quest, we invite you to take an Advent Booklet from the brochure rack near the main entrance of St. Joseph Church. These include stories, daily prayers and reflections to help you enter into the beauty and splendor of this glorious season. Please take one at church while supplies last.



chedule for St. Soset

Christmas Eve Masses: 3pm, 5pm, & 10pm Christmas Day Masses: 8:30am & 11am Ministers are needed. Volunteer in the web terminal or by contacting Paul in the parish office. (The Holy Day on New Year's weekend will be our regular weekend schedule).



After 8:30 a.m. Mass next Friday, December 2nd, with Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity for Reconciliation

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Advent	Dec. 2	Dec. 3		
Season of	Advent	St. Andrew	Weekday	Advent	St. Francis		
Advent	Weekday	7:00 a.m. Mass	7:00 a.m.	Weekday	Xavier, Priest		
Weekday	7:00 a.m.	† Marie Ellison	Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass		
7:00 a.m.	Mass	(Birthday	† Elmer	† Mary Kathryn	† Elmer		
Monday	† R. Ann Prince	Memorial) by	"Butch" Fries	Johnson by	"Butch" Fries		
Communion	by Family &	Williams	by Family &	Gene & Erika	by Family &		
Service	Friends	Family	Friends	Schwanbeck	Friends		

Saturday, December 3 4:00 p.m. Vigil

† Emmeric "Mickey" Zace (Anniversary Memorial) by Vicki Burgener † George & Josephine Shalak (Wedding Anniversary) by Delores Shalek Sunday, December 4 8:30 a.m. Mass

† Dorothy Sobel (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Edmund Pudlo by Schemel Family

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

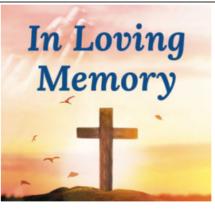
Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. There is a temptation to view these folks as sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us. Deep within the a surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives—a loss, an accident, a calamity—it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed. This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming—which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming. Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit snooze just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: You know the time. The time is now. We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offerings for the weekend of November 12/13, 2022 \$7,500.00

4:00 pm: \$3,767.00 8:30 am: \$1,999.00 11:00 am: \$1,359.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$375.00

Food Donations: 58 Pounds



Please remember in prayer the families of John Mazzuchi and Leonard Lambert called to eternal life. May they enjoy the loving embrace of God.

Readings for Week of November 27. 2022 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

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/

Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

Thank you for being part of Our Parish, Our Family

Our FAMILY

St. Joseph
Parish

God's love certainly unites us!

Thank you for your generous response to our "Our Parish, Our Family" program. Your commitment to St. Joseph Parish allows us to continue living and growing in mission, community, and witness.

God's work is never done! United in God's Love, we can accomplish great things together to build the Kingdom of God and plan for the future of our parish and the continuation of critical ministries and service programs.

Thanks to your active participation in the life and mission of our parish, St. Joseph continues to grow as a vibrant, engaged, and faith-filled stewardship community!

I sincerely thank you for putting your faith into action through your sacrificial giving.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Rev. Florein Michalat

Rev. Marcin Michalak



Highlights

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families returned a card and committed to supporting our parish \$2,147

in one-time gifts to support us living out our mission \$50,258

in additional offertory commitments (contributions not yet realized)

If you have not already done so, please renew your commitment to our parish today.

Imagine the impact of our mission if we had 100% participation!

Our Mission

To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- Actively and regularly participating in the Mass
- Inviting others to learn more about our faith through our words and example
- Volunteering to serve in the religious education or RCIA programs

Our Community

We are a visible sign of the Body of Christ.

- Spending time in Eucharistic adoration and praying for our parish
- Serving in a liturgical or hospitality ministry
- Joining a faith formation group or Bible

 study

Our Witness

We are called to share the love of God in action.

- Joining a service or outreach ministry in the parish
- Practicing corporal works of mercy in our daily lives
- Giving sacrificially as a faithful christian steward

LITURGICAL ROLES	December 3 4:00 PM	December 4 8:30 AM	December 4 11:00 AM
Hospitality Ministers	Janet Gregoire Jim Lustig Jay & Donna Karr	Aliess Bedford Shervino Family	Angela Garcia Sandra Jefferson Paul Storer Family
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Zaida Garcia (1) Veritas Babiaka (2)
Eucharistic	Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski	Mary Kay Pittman Annie Kidd	Pat Knittel Alan Knittel
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Ryane Jefferson Gemma & Jesse Babiaka
Deacons	Deacon Greg	Deacon Greg	Deacon Leon Fritz
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles	Fr. Marcin Michalak

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.

Meet Father Tom McCarthy

As an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher, Fr. Tom shares God's love with everyone he meets.

Mark your calendars for our Parish Mission this Advent when Fr. Tom will arrive to help us with the "The Restless Journey" on December 11 (Program & Fellowship), December 12 (Program, Reconciliation & Fellowship) and December 13 (Mass & Fellowship). Each at 7:00pm.

"As Catholics, Jesus is the center of our lives, especially through the Eucharist and the Sacraments," says Fr. Tom. "My goal is to preach the love and mercy of Jesus and to let people know how much they are loved."



Before the Parish Mission, please feel free to get to know Fr. Tom by checking out his website, www.frtommccarthy.com. It has blogs, videos of preaching and much more about his life and ministry.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, Nov. 26	Sunday, Nov. 27	Sunday, Nov. 27	Monday, Nov. 28	Weds, Nov. 30
Daily Mass	Mass	(continued)	Communion	Daily Mass
8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	RCIA Class	Service	7:00 a.m.
Vigil Mass	Chocolate	9:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	Church
4:00 p.m.	Advent	Ministry Center	Tuesday, Nov. 29	Bishop McNamara
Chocolate Advent	Calendars for	Youth & Family	Daily Mass	School Mass
Calendars for	Sale	Mass	7:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Sale	after both	11:00 a.m.	Adoration	Church
Church	Masses	Donut Sunday	1:00-6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Giving Tree Starts	Giving Tree	after both Masses	Rosary Group	5:30 p.m.
Church	Starts	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.	Church
Thurs, Dec. 1	Friday, Dec. 2	Saturday, Dec. 3	Sunday, Dec. 4	The weekly Schodule
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Saying thanks is never out of season!

And just like that (with the hard work of our Art & Environment ministry), our church has switched from pumpkins and fall foliage to evergreens and purple and pink, all to help us start off a new church year and celebrate a new season, Advent. A change of season often means packing things away, not to be seen or used again until the next year, however, one thing that never goes out of season is gratitude!

So even though our Thanksgiving feasts have come and gone, the Religious Education Office would like to kick off Advent by saying THANK YOU to many wonderful and generous people who help and support our ministry. So a huge THANK YOU to: the parish staff, Fr. Marcin, Deacon Greg, Brad Benoit, Kevin Delabre and Paul Storer for your help, guidance and promotion of our program and events; our parish ministries, the CCW, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name for assisting with special events and overall support; Dana Berg and the staff at BMCS for being such great partners in faith formation; Andre Marcotte for keeping our spaces clean, maintained and always ready for a set-up; Diane Gonzcy, Marilyn Gruber, Norma Lovell, and Emily Storer, who often help with projects behind-the scenes; Cathy LaRocque for putting together the monthly Family Liturgical Activity packets, providing families with a wealth of Catholic information, resources and ideas to build their domestic churches; our St. Joseph parishioners who always seem ready and willing to be involved, whether by donating to our causes or participating in our events. Thank you for your support!

The RE program can only thrive with the help of volunteers. These amazing parishioners give their time each month, coming to work with the children during our In-Person sessions, teaching them about the Catholic faith and how to grow their relationship with Jesus. Some are parents and/or grandparents with children in the program, others are parishioners who just want to share their love of God, all of them are dedicated models of Christ, including Melissa Diaz, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Mollie Grizzle, Lauren Gross, Tracey Jurka, Jessica LaMore, Pat Lovell, Brenda McLean, Katie Martin, Cindy Massey, Michelle Meier, Gina O'Neill, Christina Robinson, Meredith Scafiezzo, Andrea Sexton, Danielle Shervino, Kathy Storer, Amie Thompson, Sarah Valerio, and Becky Williams.

Thanks Be to God for everyone, in whatever part you play, no matter how big or small, in supporting RE. May God bless you for making a difference in the lives of our children and families!-Anita Lovell, RE Coordinator

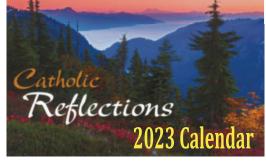








Take home a calendar



2023 Calendars courtesy of Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes are available at St. Joseph Church. A beautiful painting with a passage from the Gospels represents each month. This is a handy resource for seeing the liturgical days and seasons of the Catholic Church and finding out information about our parish. Please take a calendar home. Many thanks to Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes for providing us with this wonderful gift!

You're Invited to Fr. Tony Nugent's 50th Anniversary Celebration in Manteno

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St. Joseph Parish in Manteno is honoring Fr. Tony Nugent on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination during 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 4th. A reception is planned afterward. Those who would like to attend from St. Joseph Parish in Bradley are asked to call our parish office at 815-939-3573 to RSVP by Nov. 29. We will submit a count to St. Joseph Parish in Manteno. All invited!

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