

## OUR PARISH



## OUR FAMILY

## Services

Weekend LIturgy
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am \& 11:00 am

## Dally 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

## Reconcillation

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.

## Pastoral Stafif

## Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

## Deacon

Leon Fritz
Music Director
Brad Benoit
Pastoral Associate
Deacon Greg Clodi
Business Manager
Kevin Delabre
Director of Communications
Paul Storer

## Religious Education

Anita Lovell
Sandra Jefferson
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## Prayer Line

Sharon Monty: 815-954-4922
parishadmin@stjosphbradley.org

## Parlsh Office

Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Friday 9am-1 pm
Phone: (815) 939-3573

## Parlsh Website

www.stjosephbradley.org

## Social Media

"Like" St. Joseph Church Bradley on Facebook \& "Follow" us on Instagram
Parish Nurse-Call the Parish Office; enter \#307 and leave your message for the parish nurse.

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The Advent edition of the Word Among Us focuses on the Holy Family and how all of our families are a reflection of the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Grab a copy of this booklet at any of the church doors and enjoy the thoughtful content as you are guided through the Season of Advent.

## TRank

you! Thank you to all the people who have taken a family to buy gifts for and those who have taken tags from the Giving Tree. Next Weekend, Dec 9/10, is the time to bring everything to church (unwrapped). Make sure the tag
is attached and place the gifts by the matching tags. It will be clear once you're at church next weekend. And, for those who adopted families, you can bring items in gift bags for each person. Put a label on each bag with the Family \# and include boy or girl and their age. Place items for families behind the back pew. There will be labeled spots for each family. For any clarification, please contact Pat Knittel.


Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00pm Holy Day Masses: Friday, December 8, at 7:00am, 8:30am \& 7:00pm

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Fr. Marcin and priests of the area will be available to hear your Confession following a brief service at 7pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13. What a great way to prepare ourselves for Christmas. Please save the date.

## Special Collection for Retired Religious next weekend



You can help! "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let's show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. A donation envelope is in your offertory packet from the parish.

## SERVICE INFORMATION \& MASS INTENTIONS

| Monday December 4 St. John Damascene Priest and Doctor of the Church 7 a.m. Communion Service | Tuesday December 5 Advent Weekday <br> 7 a.m. Mass $\dagger$ Emmeric "Mickey" Zace (Anniversary Memorial) by Vicki Burgener | December 6 <br> St. Nicholas, <br> Bishop <br> 7 a.m. <br> Mass <br> $\dagger$ Ronald <br> Hart by <br> Rosemary <br>  <br> Family | December 7 St. Ambrose 7 a.m. Mass $\dagger$ Madge Power by Norma Lovell The Immaculate Conception <br> 7 p.m. Vigil Mass *People of the Parish | December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 a.m. Mass <br> *People of the Parish 8:30 a.m. Mass <br> *People of the Parish 7 p.m. Mass <br> *People of the Parish | Saturday December 9 <br> St. Juan Diego <br> 8:30 a.m. Mass $\dagger$ Janice Mae Sims by Ralph Sims, Husband |
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| Saturday, December 9 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass <br> $\dagger$ Larry Null (Anniversary Memorial) by Wife, Debbie |  |  | Sunday, December 10 <br> 8:30 a.m. $\dagger$ Ray A. Denoyer (Birthday Memorial) by Judy Denoyer $\dagger$ Bob LaFontaine (Anniversary Memorial) by Regina \& Family 11:00 a.m. $\dagger$ Ronald Hart by Kevin \& Cassie Hart \& Family $\dagger$ George Fraser (Anniversary Memorial) by Adeline Chinski |  |  |

## PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready. "You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think l'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. You can't do all your homework at the end. God
is faithful. Are we?-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Offerings for the weekend of November 18/19, 2023 \$5,011.00
4:00 pm: \$1,703.00
8:30 am: \$1,747.00
11:00 am: \$1,291.00
Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 0 . 0 0}$
Food Donations: 172 Pounds
Offerings for the weekend of November 25/26, 2023 \$7,637.25
4:00 pm: \$3,634.00
8:30 am: \$1,858.25
11:00 am: \$1,740.00
Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: $\$ 405.00$
Food Donations: 52 Pounds
Debt Reduction for November 2023: \$731.00
PayPal Offerings for November 2023: \$1,615.00
Auto-Deduct Giving for November 2023: $\$ 8,201.34$ Mobile Pantry Giving for November 2023: $\$ 1,165.00$

## In Laving Memary

Please remember in your prayers the family of Charles Burke recently called ta eternal life. May he enjay farever the lowing embrace of Gad.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023
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

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:511
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt
7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 1112/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:3510:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2
Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

| Pisit our parish website; |
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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 ACH Offerings from your savings or checking accounts.
Clip the authorization form on page 6 or download and print it 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 PayPal option at our website to set-up online contributions with your credit card. Thanks for your kindness and faithful stewardship.

## Fun times getting ready for Advent



## The Weele at a glance at St. Doseph Parish

Saturday, Dec. 2 Mass
8:30 a.m.
Church
Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m.
Giving Tree Tags
Available
Sunday, Dec. 3
Parish Blood Drive
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Ministry Center
Masses
8:30 a.m. \& 11 a.m.
Giving Tree Tags
Available
OCIA Class
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room
Parish Baptisms
12:15 p.m.
Church

Monday, Dec. 4
Communion
Service
7:00 a.m.
Church
Tuesday, Dec. 5
Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church
Nursing Home
Ministry
10:00 a.m.
Adoration
1:00-6:00 p.m.
Church
Rosary
6:30 p.m.
Church
Parish Council
Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Ministry Center

Wednesday, Dec. 6 Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church
Adult Choir Practice
5:30 p.m.
Church
Thursday, Dec. 7
Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church
Holy Day Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m.
Church
Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's
Ministry Center
Friday, Dec. 8
Holy Day Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church

Friday, Dec. 8
(continued)
Holy Day Mass
8:30 a.m.
Church
Holy Day Mass
7:00 p.m.
Church
Sat, Dec. 9
Mass
8:30 a.m.
Kawanna Wake/
Funeral Mass
10 a.m./11 a.m.
Funeral
Luncheon
12:00 p.m.
Parish Hall
Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m.
Bring Giving Tree
gifts to church

Sunday, Dec. 3
Mass
8:30 a.m.
Church
Holy Name
Meeting
9:30 a.m.
Ministry Center
OCIA Class
9:30 a.m.
Parish
Conference
Room
Mass
11:00 a.m.
Church
Bring Giving Tree gifts to church
Giving Tree
Sorting of Gifts
12:00 p.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. And, an Advent Reconcillation Service is scheduled at 7 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13. All are invited.


Christmas Eve Masses: $3 \mathrm{pm}, 5 \mathrm{pm} \& 10 \mathrm{pm}$ and Christmas Day Masses: 8:30am \& 11 am Solemnity of the Mother of God: Mass on New Year's Eve at 4 pm \& Mass on New Year's Day at 11 am

| THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 7 \& 8 | December 7 7:00 PM (Thursday) Vigil Mass | December 8 8:30 AM (Friday) Morning Mass | December 8 7:00 PM (Friday) Evening Mass | *Liturgical <br> Ministers are invited to volunteer for the available positions by using the web terminal or calling the parish office. Thanks so much for your help! |  |
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| Hospitality Ministers | 3 or 4 Volunteers Needed | Jim Lustig <br> Mike Worby <br> Sherry Johnson <br> Volunteer Needed | Paul Storer <br> Emily Sue Storer <br> 2 Volunteers Needed |  |  |
| Lectors | Candi Brenneisen (1) Greg Brenneisen (2) | Teresa Fritz (both readings) | Ryan Adams (both readings) |  |  |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pat Knittel Alan Knittel Jonathon Storer Volunteer Needed | Dana Berg <br> Patricia Burr <br> Volunteer Needed | Peggy Blanchette Lindsay Adams Justin Sommer 2 Volunteers Needed |  |  |
| Altar Servers | Marian Worby | SJ Ortman Ella Inman Lucy Quigley | Harrison Adams Hudson Adams Volunteer Needed |  |  |
| Deacons | Deacon Leon Fritz |  | Deacon Greg Clodi |  |  |
| Presiders | Fr. Marcin Michalak | Fr. Marcin Michalak | Fr. Charles Wheeler |  |  |

We will also have Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7 a.m. on Friday, December 8. Our regular daily ministers are asked to perform the various liturgical roles.


Deepen your faith this Advent by joining the St. Joseph Rosary Group on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. There are about a dozen of us who meet to pray the rosary and adore the Blessed Sacrament. The rosary is a Catholic tradition which was given to us by the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus. While reciting the prayers we meditate on the events of our Savior's life.
Praying the Rosary will bring peace to your daily life and family. It is a powerful spiritual weapon to fight against the evil in our present day.
(The Perry Street door will be open to enter).

## Gexting ready for fldenent CChristmas



Thanks so much to our Knights of Columbus for putting up the Christmas trees this past Wednesday and helping get the church ready for Advent and Christmas. It's not easy to assemble and arrange those big trees. But, the knights take it upon themselves yearly to do the job for Our Parish, Our Family. Thanks as always to our Art \& Environment Crew for all their work to switch the church décor from Ordinary Time to Advent and all of the other volunteers, including the families who came over after the Wreath Making Event that evening. The parents and grandparents did an awesome job and the kids were such great workers! Everyone worked so well together! What a great night!!

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM (ACH DEBITS)

I hereby authorize Midland States Bank on behalf of St. Joseph Church, to initiate debit entries from my banking account as indicated below.
(Financial Institution Name)

| (Address) |
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Date of Transaction: $5^{\text {th }}$ and/or 20th Amount of Transaction $\$$ (Circle One or Both)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Joseph Church has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford St. Joseph Church and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.
(Print Individual Name)

## In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some additional envelopes for December 2023

Many parishioners who utilize our electronic giving options have opted not to receive contribution envelopes from the parish. This desire is perfectly fine, but the decision has caused these registered members not to receive any of the holy day or special collection envelopes. Some of these parishioners have reached out to us for a solution as they want to participate and give to various ministries, causes and outreach efforts. So, moving forward, at the beginning of the month, we will try to publish these envelopes in the bulletin.

Dec. 3, 2023


Name:


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