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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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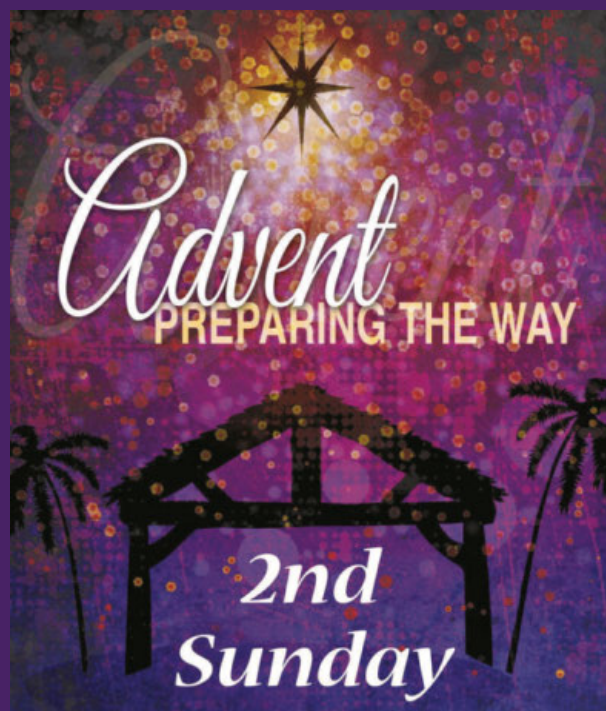
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John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. (Mk 16:4)

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December 10, 2023

GIVING TREE

All individual gifts and family gifts need to be brought to church by noon this Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Thanks so much for your participation and kindness!



All individual gifts and family gifts need to be brought to the church this weekend, Dec. 9/10.

Please have all items here by noon on Sunday.

Place your gifts by the sign that matches your tag at the back of church. **Everyone is welcome to help sort the gifts following 11am Mass this Sunday as we work to pack everything up for the families and outreach agencies. Representatives from the charitable organizations will be picking up gifts at 12:30pm. Thanks again to all the Giving Tree participants. The response has been tremendous!**

*Looking for a way to put
your faith into ACTION
this Advent Season?*

Help at the Mobile Food Pantry

Next Friday
December
15th

Saint
Joseph
Parish



Volunteer online or call the parish. And spread the word that the MFP is returning!

RECONCILIATION NIGHT

*Advent Reconciliation Service
This Coming Wednesday
December 13 at 7:00pm*

Join us for a Reconciliation Night during this Season of Advent. Fr. Marcin and priests of the area will be available to hear your Confession following a brief service at 7pm this coming Wednesday, Dec. 13, at St. Joseph Church. What a great opportunity to get ready for Christmas!

JOIN US THIS ADVENT To Pray the Rosary

Deepen your faith this Advent by joining St. Joseph's Rosary Group on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. As we recite the prayers and meditate on our Savior's life, we receive such peace. What a great way to bring hope and joy to our families and others. You are most welcome. (Please enter the church through the Perry Street door).



Next Weekend!

You're
invited
to
join
us!!



December
17th after
11am
Youth/
Family
Mass

DONUT SUNDAY

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 11 <i>St. Damasus,</i> <i>Pope</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday December 12 <i>Our Lady of</i> <i>Guadalupe</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Leonard Lambert (Birthday Memorial) by Family & Friends	Wednesday December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Myrtle Saffer (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday December 14 <i>St. John of</i> <i>the Cross,</i> <i>Priest</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Nancy Palmateer by Betty Azzarelli	Friday December 15 <i>Advent</i> <i>Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Vincent Messier (Wedding Anniversary) by Wife, Connie	Saturday December 16 <i>Advent</i> <i>Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)
Saturday, December 16 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Danny Tomlinson by Family † Gene Gregoire (Anniversary Memorial) by Family			Sunday, December 17 8:30 a.m. Mass † R. Ann Prince by Family & Friends † Vince & Lucille DeMarah (Anniversary Memorial) by Connie Messier 11:00 a.m. Mass † Leona & Harold Pearman by Family † Katie (Chinski) Schingel by Adeline Chinski		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

The character of Rose of Sharon in John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" is pregnant. As her impoverished family migrates to California, her all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she lets pass her lips, every action she takes—none of it is done without thought for the child. "For Rose of Sharon was pregnant," wrote Steinbeck. "And the world was pregnant to her." It is the same for us in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs.

From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use; the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season. Even the commercial clamor of the secular side of the holiday cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen. The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of December 2/3, 2023
\$8,713.67

4:00 pm: \$3,369.00

8:30 am: \$2,237.67

11:00 am: \$1,617.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,490.00
Food Donations: 61 Pounds

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk
5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt
11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-
19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-
54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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All smiles at the Blood Drive



We had some amazing results at last Sunday's Blood Drive. We are certainly grateful for the willingness of donors to share this life-saving gift. We had 19 donors registered, two donors deferred, and 21 units collected! We of course thank the ones who were not able to give this time. Please try again next time. In the end, our December drive can potentially impact 63 lives! The kindness shared at our Blood Drive is going a long way to help replenish the blood supply, which will help patients enjoy more time with their families. Again, please accept our heartfelt thanks as St. Joseph Parish could not offer this life-saving opportunity without our wonderful parishioners and friends. The next drive will be held Jan. 28, 2024.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Dec. 9 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Kawanna Wake/ Funeral Mass 10 a.m./11 a.m. Funeral Luncheon 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. <i>Bring Giving Tree</i> <i>gifts to church</i> Sunday, Dec. 10 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Parish Conference Room	Sunday, Dec. 10 (continued) Mass 11:00 a.m. <i>Bring Giving Tree</i> <i>gifts to church</i> Giving Tree Sorting of Gifts 12:00 p.m. Church Monday, Dec. 11 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 Mass 7:00 a.m. Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 12 (continued) Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church Weds, Dec. 13 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. All Sacraments Session 4:30 p.m. Parish Hall Adult Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Church	Weds, Dec. 13 (continued) Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00 p.m. Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Thurs, Dec. 14 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Dec. 15 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 a.m.	Saturday, Dec. 16 Mass 8:30 a.m. Burke Wake/ Funeral Mass 10 a.m./10:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Dec. 17 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Youth & Family Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Donut Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Parish Hall
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See page 1 for the Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office. And, an Advent Reconciliation Service is scheduled at 7 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	December 16 4:00 PM Mass	December 17 8:30 AM Mass	December 17 11:00 AM Youth/Family 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	Becky Graf Jim Lustig Jim Graf	Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor Volunteer Needed	Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen TBA	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	TBA	
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski Becky Graf Jim Graf	Daniel Trivino Mira Brosseau John Chinski Marian Worby Annie Kidd	TBA	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Marian Worby	Ryane Jefferson Joshua Sorich	
Advent Candles	Knights Group	Powell Family	TBA	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Tony Nugent	

It's A Wonderful Life When Your 'Pantry' Is Full



Once again, St. Joseph's Mobile Food Pantry Team participated in the Bradley Christmas Parade. We thank these men and women for their hard work putting the float together to spread some holiday cheer and to raise awareness of this community outreach. While it was rainy and cold, the Christmas cheer seemed undampened that night, especially from our MFP Team.



The MFP volunteers had buckets and buckets of treats because of the generosity of the people of St. Joseph's who had donated candy for this effort. When the parade was ending, most organizations had exhausted their candy supply, but not our MFP Team! The children's faces lit up when receiving the candy as it was in short supply at the end of the route.



While our float didn't win first place, it was a happy time regardless. There is such joy serving others at Christmastime, but our MFP team does that all year long! One team member even remarked, "Our food pantry family are all winners." And, we definitely agree.-Peggy and Gisel, MFP coordinators.

Reminders From the RE Office

Session for First Sacraments and Confirmation Students this Wednesday, 12/13/23, from 4:30-5:45pm in the Parish Hall/Gym. BMCS sacrament students are invited, but not required to attend.

Youth and Family Mass on Sunday, 12/17/23, at 11am followed by Donut Sunday. Join us for this youthful and family-oriented liturgy. Sign up with the QR Code on this page or at the parish website.



Religious Education Session for Grades K-8 on Wednesday, 12/20/23, from 4:30-5:45pm at St. Joseph's.



Christmas Eve "Concert" on 12/24/23 at 2pm as a Prelude to the 3pm Christ Mass at St. Joseph Church
This Christmas Eve we will celebrate Christ's birth with song! Please consider joining this youth and adult choir/ band to perform at 2pm on Christmas Eve. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate if they can play an instrument or sing. Contact Brad, Anita or Sandra by 12/12/23 to sign up. And come to Mass early for this wonderful concert!

Practices for the Christmas Prelude Concert

Rehearsals will be held on 12/13 from 5-6pm; 12/20 after the RE Session until 6:45pm; 12/23 from 1:30-3pm. (Arrival time on Christmas Eve will be at 1:45pm).



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Branson Missouri



Bus Trip

The MBVM Church Group is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Branson Missouri (5 Days/4 Nights) May 13-17, 2024. The cost is \$709. For more information, visit mbvmchurch.org or call 815-932-4251.

Christmas Schedule at St. Joseph Church

Christmas Eve Masses:

3pm, 5pm & 10pm

Christmas Day Masses:

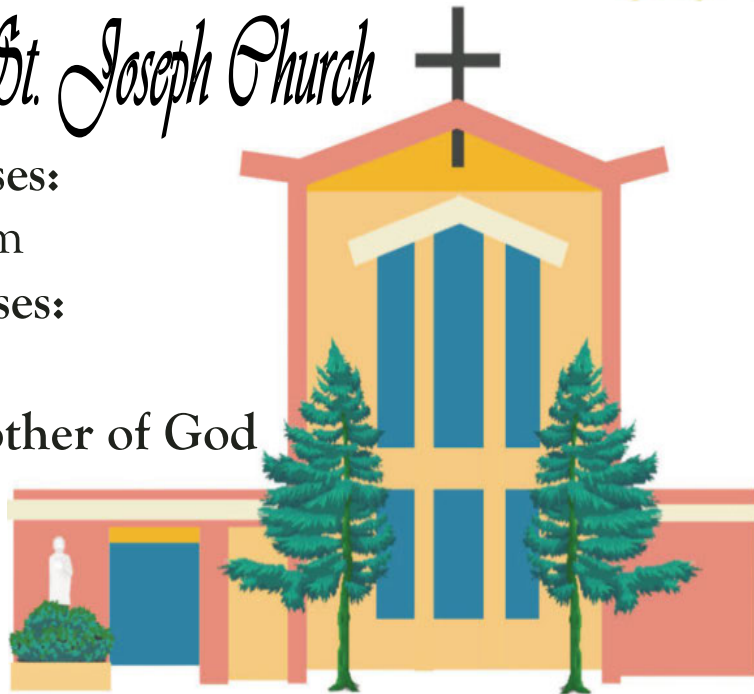
8:30am & 11am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Eve: 4pm

New Year's Day: 11am

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