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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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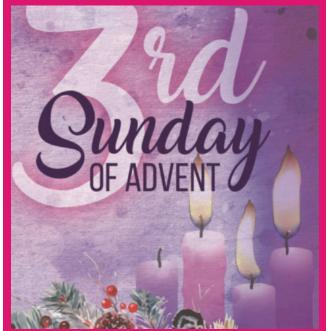
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When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to John they asked him, "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? John replied, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." (In 1:23)





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Christmas Schedule at St. Joseph Church

Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24): 3pm, 5pm & 10pm Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25): 8:30am & 11am (Carols & Hymns are planned before each service) And, New Year's Eve: 4pm & New Year's Day: 11am

Help transform our church for Christmas! Church Decorating Next Friday, Dec. 22 Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Next Friday, Dec. 22, starting at 6pm, we are inviting parishioners to help us transform our church from Advent to Christmas! There is always such a wonderful spirit as we put up the lights, straighten the bows, hang the wreaths, position the Nativity characters, and arrange the candles. Many areas need special attention. Please join us for a fun evening. Come and enjoy the festive atmosphere and see how your work inspires others throughout the Christmas Season. See you then.

Christmas

Dear Parish Family, For our Christmas celebration, we are excited to include youth from the parish with additional music being offered for the Christmas Eve Masses and Carols and Hymns before all of the Masses.

For the 3pm Christmas Eve Mass, youth of the parish and Elaina Storer will be leading the music with our Adult Choir. We will begin with a special Prelude of Carols and Hymns starting at 2pm. So, come early as we praise God on this Nativity Night and enjoy the talents of our musicians.

For the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, we will have Avery Simmons leading the music joined by adult musicians as well. They will be doing a Prelude of Carols and Hymns once people have departed following 3pm Mass.

For the 10pm Christmas Eve Mass and the Christmas Day Masses, I will be leading the music with Carols starting 30 minutes before each.

We look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you at our Christmas Masses. Merry 🎝 **Christmas and Happy New Year!** -Brad Benoit, music director.

Reminder From the RE Office We have Religious Education (K-8) this Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 4:30pm at St. Joseph Parish. See you there.

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SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 18 Season of Advent Weekday 7 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday December 19 Season of Advent Weekday 7 a.m. Mass † Joan Pierce (Anniversary Memorial) by Shirlev St. Germaine

Wednesday December 20 Advent Weekday 7 a.m. Mass † Ronald Hart (Anniversary Memorial) by Joanne, Wife, & Family 9:00 a.m. **BMCS Mass**

Thursday December 21 St. Peter Canisius. Priest 7 a.m. Mass † Leonard Randall Lambert by Family & Friends Sunday, December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

Friday December 22 Season of Advent Weekday 8:30 a.m. Mass † Clara Walgrave (Anniversary Memorial) by Lois Goudreau

Saturday December 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest 8:30 a.m. Mass † Dorothy Mayotte (Anniversary Memorial) by Loretta K. Forlenza

Saturday, December 23 (4th Sunday of Advent) 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† Rose Rivard by Wilkins & Giffiths Families

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

3:00 p.m. Mass † Emmeric "Mickey" Zace (Birthday Memorial) by Vicki Burgener † Chuck Ehrhardt by Ryan & Lindsay Adams 5 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish 10 p.m. Mass Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass *The People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. Mass † Bill Magruder by Pat & Family 11:00 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

My Grandma had been sitting in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer stated that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson (my cousin), living in the same community and of the same age. had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He miraculously survived. Grandma immediately went and washed her hair. She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the "men in white coats" came for her. As it happens, the whole story was true! It was her grandson, but this was before mobile phones and had happened so late that his parents had been unable to notify anyone. It wasn't until my grandmother received a call from another relative that she realized it hadn't been her imagination. What a waste of styled hair. There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, "I see it, too." This is the purpose of John the Baptist. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions. How will you testify today?-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of December 9/10, 2023

\$7,416.00 4:00 pm: \$3,420.00 8:30 am: \$1,865.00 11:00 am: \$1,547.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$584.00 Offerings for the Retired Religious Collection: \$1,266.00 Offerings for the Immaculate Conception: \$1,211.00 **Food Donations: 55 Pounds**

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Team and our volunteer coordinators and all
those who continue to offer donations to cover
the costs of this impressive community outreach!

RECONCILIATION

Special Confession hours from 4-6pm on Thursday, Dec. 21, at Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais

Representing St. Joseph in Bradley at the Cathedral



Here are some young St. Joseph ambassadors. Their youth minister, Sandra Jefferson, accompanied them to the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Dec. 11 for the opening Liturgy for the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet. Representatives from parishes throughout the diocese were invited for this historic occasion. Fr. Marcin and clergy of the diocese and beyond concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Hicks.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Advent Mass

Advent Mass

8:30 a.m.

You can watch the video of this Mass and milestone event at our the parish website

Men's AA Group

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Friday, Dec. 22

A & E Decorating

St. Joseph's

Thurs, Dec. 21

Mass

7:00 a.m.

Church

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church

Church

Church

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.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.

12:00 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Baptisms

Donut Sunday

12:15 p.m. Parish Hall

Church

Monday, Dec. 18
Communion
Service
7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Mass
7:00 a.m.
Nursing Home
Ministry
10:00 a.m.
Adoration
1:00-6:00 p.m.
Rosary

4:30 p.m.

Church

Choir Practice

5:30-7:00pm

6:30 p.m. for Christmas Church 6:00 p.m. Weds, Dec. 20 Church Saturday, Dec. 23 Mass 7:00 a.m. Mass **BMCS Mass** 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Christmas Church **Concert Practice RE Session** 1:30-3:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. Christmas **Prelude Concert** 2:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve** Mass 3:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve** Mass 5:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve** Mass 10:00 p.m. Church Monday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Dav** Mass 8:30 a.m. **Christmas Day** Mass 11:00 a.m. Church

See page 1 for the Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments for Confession can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at 815-939-3573. Maternity BVM Parish in **Bourbonnais** will have special hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4-6pm on Thursday, December 21.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	December 23 4:00 PM Mass	December 24 8:30 AM Mass	December 24 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these liturgical
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Janet Gregoire Mike Worby	Shervino Family	Lori Cornelius 2 Volunteers Needed	ministries? Contact the parish office
Lectors	Beth Bisaillon (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	for information and training.
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Patricia Croix Michael Ely Peggy Blanchette	Lindsay Adams Sean Storer Annie Kidd Mary Kay Pittman Volunteer Needed	David Quigley Jenna Jamros Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi	Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled,
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Aiden Jamros Eleanor Jamros	request subs and input when not to
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi		Deacon Leon Fritz	be
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.

LITURGICAL ROLES CHRISTMAS EVE (SUNDAY, DEC. 24, 2023)				
December 24 3:00 PM Mass	December 24 5:00 PM Mass	December 24 10:00 PM Mass		
Eucharistic Ministers Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski Justin Sommer David Quigley	Eucharistic Ministers Jasmine Elumbaugh Peggy Blanchette 2 Volunteers Needed	Eucharistic Ministers Patricia Croix 4 Volunteers Needed		
Altar Server Vicki Burgener	Altar Servers 3 Volunteers Needed	Altar Servers Ryane Jefferson Mia Burns Volunteer Needed		
Hospitality Pruss Family Becky Graf Jim Graf	Hospitality Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Donna Karr Jay Karr	Hospitality Sandra Jefferson Zach Jefferson 2 Volunteers Needed		
Lector Jan St. John	Lector Teresa Fritz	Lector Lisa Robbins		
Deacon Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon		
Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak	Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak	Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak		
We have many liturgical positions still available for				

We have many liturgical positions still available for Christmas Masses (see above). We also have positions open for New Year's Masses. You're invited to minister on this special occasions. Please check the web terminal or call or email Paul in the parish office for the most updated list of open slots.

CHRISTMAS DAY (MONDAY, DEC. 25, 2023)

December 25 8:30 AM Mass	December 25 11:00 AM Mass
Eucharistic Ministers Patricia Burr Sharyn Gross 3 Volunteers Needed	Eucharistic Ministers Pat Knittel Alan Knittel 3 Volunteers Needed
Altar Servers 3 Volunteers Needed	Altar Servers Adelaide Bedford 2 Volunteers
Hospitality Mike Worby Dennis Bisaillon Beth Bisaillon Volunteer Needed	Hospitality Aliess Bedford 3 Volunteers Needed
Lector Beth Bisaillon	Lector Volunteer Needed
Deacon Deacon Greg	Deacon
Presider Fr. Wheeler	Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak

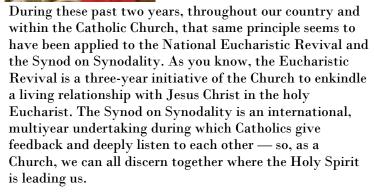
Please volunteer and help us create a welcoming atmosphere at St. Joseph Church. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for November 2023

"Eucharistic Revival & Synodality, Together"

ARE YOU A CUBS FAN? OR ARE YOU A WHITE SOX FAN? If you have any roots in Chicagoland, you instinctively understand that you must declare one or the other. It is common practice to choose one team—

one is never a fan of both!



Curiously, many people seem to be taking sides; they are in favor of one, but not the other.

The week before Thanksgiving, I joined over 250 bishops in Baltimore for a week of meetings hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We began the meetings with prayer, adoration, benediction, and Mass. The first address to the assembly was given by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Papal Nuncio. When it comes to the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod, he encouraged us to move away from an "either/or" approach, and to instead embrace and promote both. The special connections between the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod prevailed through our week of meetings.

At one point, Cardinal Pierre beautifully reflected on the road to Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke (24: 13–35). Along their journey, the disciples debated their theological points of view while Jesus listened to them. "Listening, corresponds to the humble style of God," said the cardinal, quoting Pope Francis. "God loves humanity: that is why he addresses his word to them, and why he 'inclines his ear' to listen to them."

You see, listening is essential for a synodal Church because it is a dimension of love. Through this Emmaus moment, Jesus accompanies, listens, and discerns with His disciples. Then, their hearts were set on fire because they recognized His true presence in the Eucharist. After this Eucharistic encounter, they go back to the other disciples and proclaim that Jesus is alive and—with missionary zeal—are committed to sharing the risen Christ with the world.

Cardinal Pierre concluded his presentation with these moving insights: "Our people need us to be adventurers for the Lord. They need us to be united with one another. They need to see how our diversity, harmonized, displays the beauty of the Church and of the Catholic faith. They need to be reminded that salvation comes not from one idea or another, but through a shared encounter with the living person of Jesus, who is love."

Most of us can agree we are a stronger Church when we both listen and keep the Eucharist as our source and summit. Let's look for ways to stay united with each other and with Christ.

From the onset, I announced that the Diocese of Joliet was going to participate in both the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Walking in numerous Eucharistic processions and attending many talks about the Eucharist, I am proud of how robustly our clergy and parishioners have promoted and embraced this Eucharistic Revival. I look forward to participating in our continued celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Joliet, and will joyfully attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024. That event will launch us into the next phase of the revival by enthusiastically taking the Eucharistic Lord into the world and putting our faith into action as missionary disciples.

At the same time, I am also proud of how we have participated in the Synod on Synodality. For over six months, groups gathered throughout every deanery of our diocese to listen intently to each other. The themes from these listening sessions were gathered and compiled into a report sent to Rome. The first half of the synod concluded in the Vatican this October. With faithful hope, we await the next steps for the second half next October.

As a baseball fan, I am fiercely loyal to my team, while politely ignoring the other. Gratefully, that's not what our Church does when it comes to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Like you, I love Jesus so much—especially in the Eucharist—and at the same time—through Him, with Him, and in Him—I desire a listening Church that calls us to be on mission! With faith and trust in God, I look forward to walking on this all-connected journey with you ahead.+

St. Joseph's Giving Tree Project 2023 We have an amazing parish!







Thank you to the individuals, families and members of parish groups who participated. Laundry supplies were frequently requested as gifts, showing just how hard these friends are trying to make ends meet. One Grandma raising youngsters was moved to tears when she saw the gifts. "I didn't think we were going to have Christmas this year, but now we are."

In the end, we met the needs of 48 family members! Sacred Heart Mission in Pembroke, Harbor House and River Valley Pregnancy Center received gifts for clients. We had two cars, a minivan and a truck filled with gifts (there was only room for the drivers) when we were done filling the vehicles with the packages. (By the way, we would really like to thank the people who helped pack up the gifts. And, special thanks also to parishioner Chuck Carnes who used his community connections and resources to help get beds and a washing machine and other larger items for Giving Tree families).

St. Joseph's Giving Tree project continues to be a way for us to do something during Advent to share a little Christmas cheer with people in our local community experiencing some very difficult times in their lives. Please keep these friends and neighbors in your prayers throughout the coming Season of Christmas and in the new year ahead. Thanks again!









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