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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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FOURTH WEEK OF

The angel appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

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This Sunday, Dec. 18, 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. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Decorating will start after the 11 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy the festive atmosphere and see how your work inspires others throughout the Christmas Season.

Our Parish, Our Family welcomes Bishop Hicks for the Celebration of our 4pm Saturday Mass at St. Joseph Church What a wonderful event at St. Joseph Parish this Saturday, Dec. 17, welcoming our bishop and enjoying dinner and fellowship in the parish hall. Thanks so much to the CCW, the Knights of Columbus and our Religious Education team for sponsoring the spaghetti dinner and of

course to Bishop Hicks for reaching out to us to arrange this special visit.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS								
Monday Dec. 19 Advent Weekday 7:00 a.m. Monday Communion Service	Tuesday Dec. 20 Advent Weekday 7:00 a.m. Mass † Carol Johnson by Gene & Pattie Storer	Wednesday Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius 7:00 a.m. Mass *Health of Noel Taylor by Kent & Ellen Taylor 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday Dec. 22 Advent Weekday 7:00 a.m. Mass † Edmund Pudlo by Schemel Family	Friday Dec. 23 St. John of Kanty 8:30 a.m. Mass † Rose Mary LaMore by Family & Friends	Saturday Dec. 24 Advent 8:30 a.m. Mass † Eva Wischnowski by Wischnowski Family			
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve Masses 3 p.m. † Emmeric "Mickey" Zace (Birthday			Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses 8:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the					

† Vernon J. Parker by Theresa & Family **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Memorial) by Vicki Burgener 5 p.m. † Chuck

Ehrhardt by Ryan & Lindsay Adams 10 p.m.

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life of God's Son and Spouse. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her. Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. Joseph was committed. He persevered. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home." Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offerings for the weekend of December 10/11, 2022 \$7,577.00

> 4:00 pm: \$3,022.00 8:30 am: \$2.643.00 11:00 am: \$1,487.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$425.00 Offerings for the Retired Religious Fund: \$899.00

Food Donations: 78 Pounds

Offerings for the Immaculate Conception: \$1,267.00

Readings for Week of December 18, 2022 **Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/

Klobutcher Family by Larry 11 a.m. † Deceased

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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RCIA at St. Joseph's



Our RCIA candidates have been participating in formation sessions to be fully initiated into the faith! Please remember them in your prayers as well as the leadership team of Annie Kidd and Tom LaRocque. We want to welcome Sarah Martin (wife of Thomas Martin III and mother of Stevie and Maggie Martin) and Taylor Martin (wife of James Martin and mother of Ellie Martin) and acknowledge and thank their sponsors as they continue together on this journey of faith. They are pictured above (left to right) Meredith Scafiezzo (sponsor), Sarah and Taylor, and Danielle Shervino (sponsor). We are so happy for you!



The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Dec. 17 **Daily Mass** 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass (with Bishop Hicks) 4:00 p.m. Church Spaghetti Dinner & Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall Sunday, Dec. 18 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church **RCIA Class** 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center A & E Decorating for Christmas 12:00 p.m. Church

Monday, Dec. 19 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Dec. 20 **Daily Mass** 7:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church **Rosary Group** 6:30 p.m. Church Weds, Dec. 21 **Daily Mass** 7:00 a.m. Church **BMCS Mass** 9:30 a.m. **Adult Choir Practice** 7:00 a.m.

Church

Thurs, Dec. 22
Daily Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church
Parish Baptism
Preparation
Class
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Rectory
Meeting Room
Friday, Dec. 23
Daily Mass
8:30 a.m.
Church

Saturday, Dec. 24
Daily Mass
8:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Mass
3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass
5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 p.m.
Church

Sun, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass 11:00 a.m. (All Christmas Masses held in the Church)

Volunteers are still needed for our Christmas Masses. See page 5 or contact Paul in the parish office to be placed on the roster.

The weekly Schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Page 1 of the Bulletin.

Appointments for Reconciliation can be made by calling the parish office.

	LITURGICAL ROLI S EVE (SATURDAY,	LITURGICAL ROLES CHRISTMAS DAY			
December 24 3:00 PM Mass	December 24 5:00 PM Mass	December 24 10:00 PM Mass	(SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 2022) December 25 December 25		
Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Ministers	8:30 AM Mass	11:00 AM Mass	
Alan Knittel Pat Knittel Peggy Blanchette	Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski Lindsay Adams	Teresa Fritz 1 Volunteer Needed	Eucharistic Ministers Mira Brosseau Patricia Burr	Eucharistic Ministers Chuck Carnes Ellen Taylor	
Altar Servers Vicki Burgener	Altar Servers Harrison Adams Shane Martin	Altar Servers 3 Volunteers Needed	Altar Server Adelaide Bedford	Altar Servers Babiaka Children	
Hospitality Pruss Family Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Janet Gregoire	Hospitality Angela Garcia Zaida Garcia Jim Lustig Donna & Jay Karr	Hospitality 4 Volunteers Needed	Hospitality Aliess Bedford Mike Worby 2 Volunteers Needed	Hospitality David Berg Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor Becky Jim Graf	
Lector Marian Worby	Lector Ryan Adams	Lector Brian Zasada	Lector Beth Bisaillon	Lector Walter Babiaka	
Deacon Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Deacon Greg	Deacon Deacon Leon Fritz	
Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak	Presider Fr. Charles Wheeler	Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak	Presider Fr. Marcin	Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak	

We have some liturgical positions still available for Christmas Masses. You're invited to help out. Please check the web terminal or call Paul in the parish office for the updated list of slots. Help us create a welcoming atmosphere at St. Joseph Church. Merry Christmas!



Make your appointment at the parish website for our Blood Drive happening on Sunday, January 8, 2023. What an amazing way to start the New Year by giving someone the gift of life. And, thanks to all of our regular donors! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Thank you for your gift to the Fund
Thanks so much for for Christmas Flowers

using your envelope from the parish this weekend to make a contribution to our Christmas Flowers Fund. (Within the Offering Packet from the parish there was a special envelope designated for Christmas Flowers dated December 18). If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate, please consider a donation this year for Christmas Flowers. The cost of poinsettias, greenery, lights, and other materials, as you can imagine, are expensive for a space as large as St. Joseph Church. Also, much like your own home, our décor is reused year after year and must be replaced as needed. Any amount that you can give toward this fund with the envelope would be so appreciated. Thank you for your support of Our Parish, Our Family.



Amazing Giving Tree Response!







The generosity of St Joseph parishioners is overwhelming! Once again you went well beyond what was hoped for!

This year 15 families with a total of 65 people will be able to have a Merry Christmas through your efforts. The youngest was just a few months old and up to a grandmother who is 70 and raising eight grandkids. One family was a single mom with a baby who is working her way through college. Providing for a family in need became an Advent project for parish families, groups and organizations as well as individuals and couples who got their co-workers and friends together to get gifts for a family. Thank you for not only your care and kindness, but also your creativity and ingenuity to make this happen and your support for this ministry at your church!

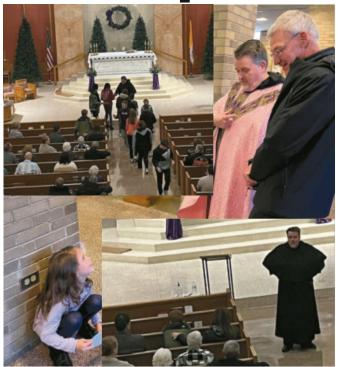
We also had 200 tags taken from the trees and returned with several items per tag. Sr. Mary Beth from Sacred Heart in Pembroke and Joyce from River Valley Pregnancy Center were so thankful for the abundance of gifts that they received to be distributed to clients. Above we have pictures of the gifts donated at church. One of our altar servers, Ryane Jefferson, is pictured helping the others sort the packages before being transported to the various agencies. Many thanks to Pat Knittel for organizing this outreach and handling any issues that arose and all of her helpers.

Meanwhile, we met and talked with many of the recipients. Please know of their smiles when they were surprised with much more than they had expected! Continue to keep these friends in your prayers throughout the coming year.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to be a Money Management Program volunteer? The Money Management Program of Catholic Charities provides services tailored to the specific needs of each of our clients. Volunteer assistance may include, but is not limited to the following: balancing checkbooks, paying bills, assisting with creditors, and helping write checks. If this is a volunteer opportunity you may be interested in hearing more details about, please contact Sherri Funk at 815-933-7791 ext. 9921.

St. Joseph Parish Mission 2022

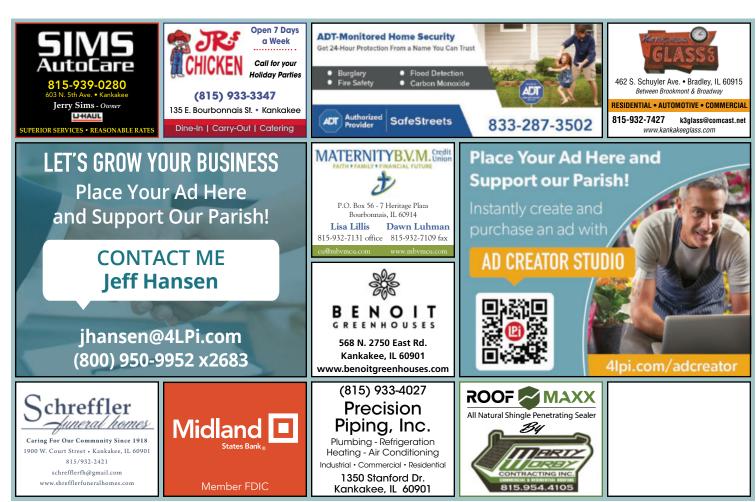


Wasn't our recent Mission with Fr. Tom McCarthy a great experience? We laughed, we pondered, and we enjoyed desserts! It was such a fun few days. Ask anyone who attended and they'll tell you about the moving and thought-provoking nights.

We have good news for those who were unable to attend! We will have videos from the Mission available to view at our website. Please do your part and share them with friends and family!

Thanks to Fr. Marcin for encouraging us to have a Parish Mission, our Parish Council and Parish Staff as well as the Knights of Columbus, CCW and RE groups who hosted gatherings with refreshments after the programs. Thanks also to Fr. Tom for convincing the parish to attend and offering some eye-opening stories of the Restless Journey! What wonderful Advent nights with powerful talks, Confession, Eucharist and fellowship!

At the closing Mass of the Mission, a special collection was taken for the Ray and Millie McCarthy Charitable Fund, which supports Augustinian education, ministry, and faith. To make a donation, visit www.frtommccarthy.com or stop by the parish office.









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