



The Nativity of the Lord

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests. They
name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

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OUR FAMILY

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December 25, 2022

Merry Christmas

From Fr. Marcin

Blessings and Christmas wishes to you from the parish staff and myself. As we ponder this past year with its challenges and successes with our parish family, we are continuing the Restless Journey as believers invited to be closer to God through the sacraments and through our generosity to friends and neighbors in need. I see so many of you living the Restless Journey, sharing your gifts and talents. You truly make this place a family in which Christ comes alive! I am extremely grateful!

I'm praying that all parishioners and guests will be greatly Blessed this Christmas and in the New Year. May God shower you with his care and everlasting love. And, may St. Joseph, our patron, be an example for you in this season of love and care to be attentive to your family and those around you. I'm praying that you will have safe travels and remain merry and healthy.-Fr. Marcin Michalak, pastor

Next Weekend's Solemnity



We will have our regular weekend Mass Schedule Dec. 31-Jan. 1 for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please join us.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Contact us through the parish website or leave a phone message at the office. If you have a death or sickness in the family needing immediate attention, please call the parish and leave your message on the emergency line.



Celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival with these special Diocesan Celebrations:
Diocesan-Wide Forty Hours Devotion on February 8, 9, 10 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet and Prayer Service with National Eucharistic Preacher on March 23, 24, 25 at various locations throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and social media.

Many thanks to all the volunteers making our Christmas Celebration so great at St. Joseph's and everyone who helped decorate and those who made donations for the flowers. Thanks again to all who had a hand in helping! We'll have pictures from Christmas in next weekend's bulletin.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Dec. 26 <i>St. Stephen,</i> <i>First Martyr</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday Dec. 27 <i>St. John,</i> <i>Apostle</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass *The Health of Noel Taylor by Kent & Ellen Taylor	Wednesday Dec. 28 <i>The Holy</i> <i>Innocents</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass Fr. John Antzacak (Anniversary Memorial) by Vicki Burgener	Thursday Dec. 29 <i>St. Thomas</i> <i>Becket</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † R. Ann Prince by Family & Friends	Friday Dec. 30 <i>The Holy</i> <i>Family</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † R. Ann Prince by Family & Friends	Saturday Dec. 31 <i>St. Sylvester I,</i> <i>Pope</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Elmer “Butch” Fries by Family & Friends
Saturday, December 31 4 p.m. Vigil Mass † Ed Burr by Pat & Cheryl Burr			Sunday, January 1 8:30 a.m. Mass † Rose Mary LaMore by Family & Friends 11 a.m. Mass † Gene & Catherine Storer by Mike & Kathy Storer & Family		

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The challenge of evangelization is that pretty much everyone **has heard** of Jesus Christ. The angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it. Our baptism compels us to do the same—to announce the coming of Christ over and over again. But our audience is not a group of shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.” Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us. How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Now we are the sign. The world has heard of Christ. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offering numbers will be back next weekend



In Loving Memory

Please hold in your prayers the family of Myrtle Saffer recently called to eternal life. May she enjoy forever the embrace of our loving God.

Readings for Week of December 25, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Some information for tax purposes

Contributions for the year 2022 and Christmas 2022 will be accepted until Jan 6, 2023, for tax purposes. Please clearly mark the year if it is a donation for 2022 and make sure the date on the check is no later than December 31, 2022, and the envelope is post marked no later than December 31, 2022. Thanks for your ongoing support of this parish community!



*Christmas Blessings from the
Bishop McNamara Family.*

*Rejoice in the Glory of the Birth of Christ and
Celebrate the Miracles and Blessings of the Holy Spirit.*

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

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.

Sun, Dec. 25

**Christmas Day
Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Christmas Day
Mass**

11:00 a.m.

All Christmas

**Masses
celebrated in the
church**

*The Parish Office will
be closed
December 26st
through
January 1st*

Monday, Dec. 26

Communion Service

7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Daily Mass

7:00 a.m.

Adoration

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Rosary Group

6:30 p.m.

Church

Weds, Dec. 28

Daily Mass

7:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Practice

5:30 p.m.

Church

Thurs, Dec. 29

Daily Mass

7:00 a.m.

Men's AA Group

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Friday, Dec. 30

Daily Mass

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Daily Mass

8:30 a.m.

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1

Masses

8:30 & 11 a.m.



St. Joseph Parish Bradley in 2022

5 BLOOD DRIVES

121 UNITS COLLECTED

363 LIVES SAVED

THANK YOU!

I Donated!



versiti

Dear St. Joseph Parish,

A humble thank you for your continued partnership in hosting community blood drives. In 2022, 121 units were collected which means up to 363 lives were saved locally! On behalf of Versiti, our hospital partners, and our patients we say thank you. Without donors like you and places like St. Joseph to host drives, countless lives would not be able to celebrate this holiday season. We look forward to your support in the new year and wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy 2023!

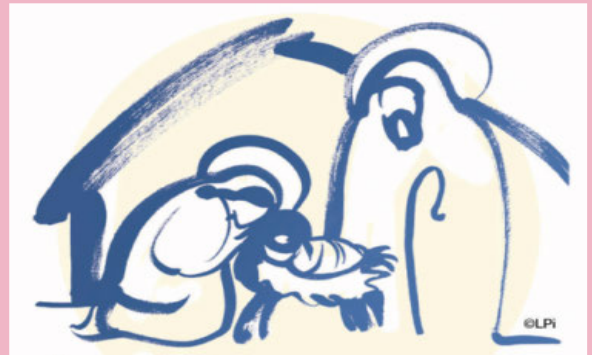
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**Make your appointment at
the parish website for our
Blood Drive happening on
Sunday, January 8, 2023.**

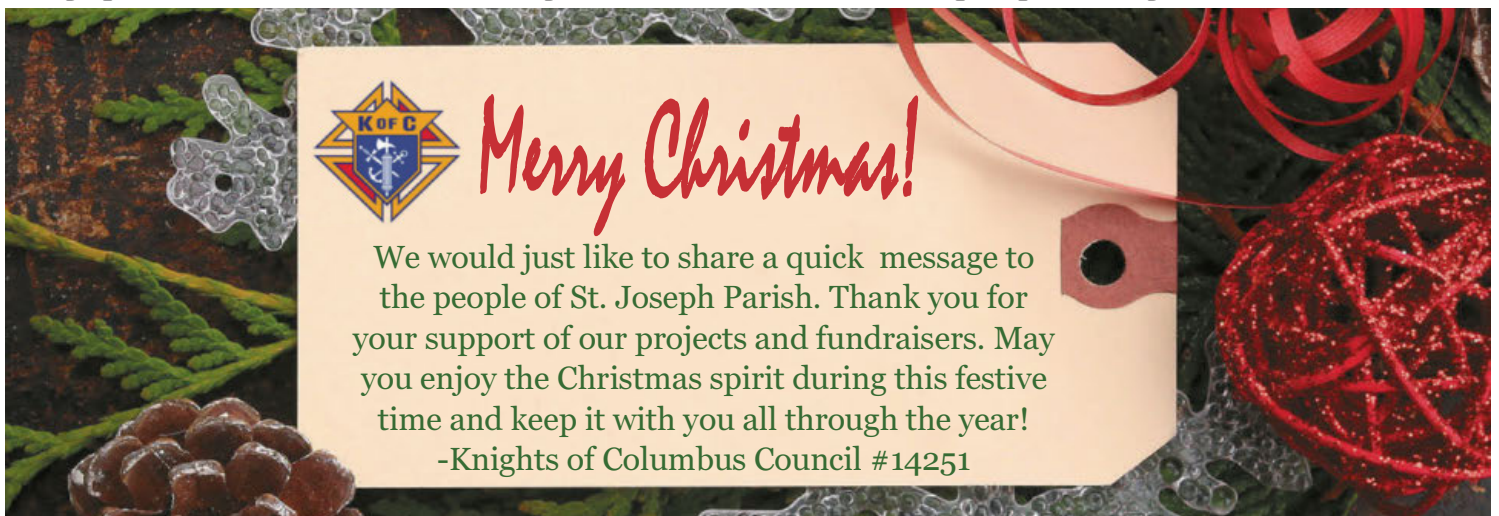
**What an amazing way to
start the New Year by giving
someone the gift of life.**

LITURGICAL ROLES	December 31 4:00 PM	January 1 8:30 AM	January 1 11:00 AM	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.
Hospitality Ministers	Mike Worby Janet Gregoire David Berg Michael Ely	Dick Jenkins Bruce Adams Mary Adams	Paul & Emily Storer Katelyn Storer Michael Storer Kathy Storer	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Emily Rose Storer (1) Lupita Sorich (2)	
Eucharistic	Lori Gadbois Patricia Croix	Mira Brosseau Nick Shervino	Alan Knittel Pat Knittel	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Marian Worby	Babiaka Children	

May this joyful day of our Savior's birth resound with hope and peace on earth! Merry Christmas from the ladies of St. Joseph's CCW



Our Council of Catholic Women meets on the third Tuesday of each month to plan activities for the ladies of St. Joseph's and events for the entire parish. This wonderful group has blossomed over the last several months and the parish is extremely grateful for their ongoing dedication. Take a look around the church. Members of the CCW were a big part of the decorating for Christmas. Keep up the great work, CCW!



St. Joseph's Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus is always doing something to help the community and their parish from raising funds to maintenance projects and donating funds for church causes and helping at parish gatherings. Take a look at the Nativity Scene that these gentlemen placed and illuminated outside the church. To learn more or to join, please contact Justin Sommer at jasommer85@yahoo.com.

Merry Christmas Merry Christmas from From The Religious Education Office



The Mobile Food Pantry arrives at our parish monthly to provide for families who come needing assistance. Monetary donations assist in defraying the cost of bringing the Mobile Food Pantry to St. Joseph's. Thank you to our great team and all who support this outreach!

"May the blessing of joy abide within you; May the blessing of peace rest upon you; May the blessing of love flow out through you; May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the new year." - Author Unknown



We are so grateful to be on this faith journey with you, reading God's Word, exploring our faith, and serving others. We look forward to more lessons and fun activities to help us grow closer to God and one another in the new year! God's blessings, Anita Lovell and the Religious Education Ministry

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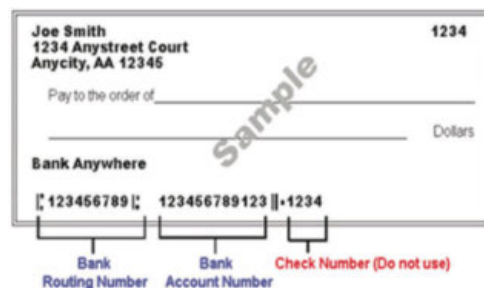
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St. Joseph Parish Information

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

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday; 3 p.m.

Saturday; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday during adoration; First Friday Holy Hour or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesdays 1pm-6pm; Rosary 6:30pm

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sunday. Class required

Weddings

Call the parish office for guidelines at least 6 months in advance

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815-939-3573

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