

### **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

### **Holy Days**

7pm Vigil; 7am, 8:30am & 7pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm First Friday after 8:30am Mass

#### Rosarv

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm

### **Sacramental Life**

### Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday & 3 p.m. on Saturday; from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays during adoration; First Friday Holy Hour or by appointment.

### **Baptism**

The first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm or during the Liturgy. Parents are required to reserve and attend a baptism class. Please consult the parish office for guidelines.

### **Weddings**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance Do not reserve a hall before confirming date. At least one of the engaged (or their parents) must be a registered parishioner. Weddings not scheduled on Saturday evenings or Sundays.

### **Communion to Homebound**

Call Deacon Leon Fritz 815-932-6909.

### Registration

New parishioners are most welcome to register at the parish website or stop by or call the parish office.

### **Pastoral Staff**

### **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**

Phone: 815-937-9340 Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30a.m.- 3p.m & Weds 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Anita Lovell Coordinator

### **Youth Ministers**

Ken & Michelle Barrie barrieacres@yahoo.com

### **Prayer Line**

Gert: 815-932-8902

### **Parish Office**

Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm Fri 9am-1 pm Phone: (815) 939-3573 Fax: (815) 939-3138

### **Parish Website**

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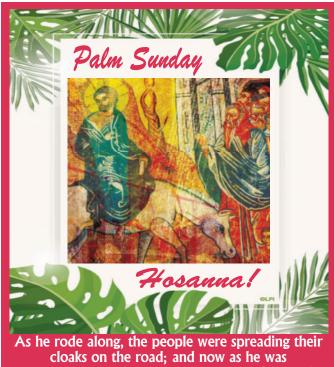
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As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. (Lk 19-36, 37b)

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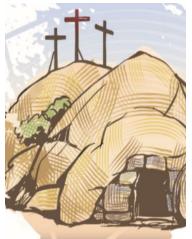
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## A way to enhance your Easter

Please join us as we change the liturgical environment for each of the Triduum celebrations. Help decorate on the days that work for you: 1pm, Wednesday, April 13, for Holy Thursday;



·12:30pm, Friday, April 15, for Good Friday;

·9:30am, Saturday, April 16, for Easter (This is the day we will need the most help)



Many thanks to those who have signed up to participate at our Blood Drive this Sunday, April 10. We still have slots available. If you'd like to give blood, please stop by the parish hall until 1 p.m. What a great example of love and sacrifice on Palm Sunday. (And, don't forget that when you donate you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$500 Airbnb.com gift card.)



Put your faith into action on Good Friday! Go to our parish website, stjosephbradley.org, to sign-up to help at the Mobile Pantry or call the parish office to volunteer. And, please spread the word about this opportunity to receive food next Friday, April 15, starting at 10 a.m. Thanks to our Team and all who support this ministry!

Helping decorate the church always gives you a special feeling of closeness and teamwork with fellow parishioners. Volunteer this year and notice the sense of accomplishment you will receive as Holy Week unfolds. Your time and energy will surely inspire those coming to services at St. Joseph Church. Thanks in advance! Happy Easter!!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS							
Monday April 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr 7:00 a.m.	Tuesday April 12 Holy Week 7:00 a.m. Mass † Rose Mary LaMore by	Wednesday April 13 St. Martin 7 a.m. Mass † Brenda Brosseau by	Thursday April 14 Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass *Janice Sims	Friday April 15 Good Friday 3 p.m. Solemn Service 7 p.m. Solemn	Saturday April 16 Holy Saturday 8:30 a.m. Prayer Service 12 p.m.		
Communion Service	Family & Friends	Barb Brosseau	by Mrs. Humenick	Stations of the Cross	Blessing of the Baskets		
Holy Saturday (continued)			Easter Sunday				

Holy Saturday (continued) April 16

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass † Thomas Adamsick by Arline, Wife † Gloria Zace (Anniversary Memorial) by Vicki Burgener

### Easter Sunday April 17

8:30 a.m. Mass † Chuck Ehrhardt by Ryan & Lindsay Adams 11 a.m. Mass \*The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)

### **STEWARDSHIP**

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be defeated, giving into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior welcomed with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has not left him. So why does he say from the cross, "My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?" With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain. And with this question, he reminds us of that. Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows and understands us. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.-Tracy Earl Welliver

Offerings for the weekend of April 2/3, 2022 \$8,208.00

4:00 pm: \$3,713.00 8:30 am: \$2,351.00 11:00 am: \$1,050.00

4:00 p.m. (Family Mass): \$360.00
Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$734.00
Collection for Easter Flowers: \$936.00
Food Donations: 49.2 Pounds

Debt Reduction for March 2022: \$829.00 PayPal Offerings for March 2022: \$3,956.45 Auto-Deduct Giving for March 2022: \$8,428.34

### Readings for Week of April 10, 2022

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49 **Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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### Receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation

What an exciting and inspiring time here at St. Joseph Parish! On Friday, April 1, we were blessed to witness 33 of our teen parishioners receive the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Daniel Conlon. It was a wonderful liturgy with the bishop sharing a great message to the Confirmandi (and all of us) to be strong in our faith, by using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us to make the right choices in life, even when they are not easy. Afterward, all were invited to the Parish Hall for a celebratory reception hosted by the gracious and generous women of our CCW (and spouses who helped with cleanup). Congratulations to our Confirmandi, their sponsors and families on this amazing step in their faith journey.



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Thank you does not seem adequate to fully express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to Confirmation, making it such a memorable and meaningful celebration. We are truly blessed with so many generous hearts (and hands) in our parish. Whether it was helping the candidates prepare, planning the liturgy, taking part in the Mass as servers, hospitality, choir, Eucharistic Ministers or having a hand in hosting the reception and helping move tables and tidy the hall afterward, the true spirit of *Our Parish, Our Family* was very much alive and evident.

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2022						
Holy Thursday April 14, 2022 7:00 PM Mass	Good Friday April 15, 2022 3:00 PM Service	Holy Saturday April 16, 2022 7:30 PM Vigil Mass				
Eucharistic Minister Margie McCalester	Eucharistic Ministers Peggy Blanchette Volunteer Needed	Eucharistic Minister Pat Knittel				
Altar Servers Justin Sommer Sean Quigley Jane Quigley	Hospitality Ministers Janet Gregoire David Berg Mike Worby	Altar Servers Emily Rose Storer Sean Storer Volunteer Needed				
Hospitality Ministers Michael & Kathy Storer Janet Gregoire David Berg	Lector Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Hospitality Ministers Janet Gregoire Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh				
Lector Marian Worby (both readings)	Passion Mary Kay Blankestyn	Lectors Brian Zasada (1) Chuck Carnes (2)				
Deacons Deacon Leon Fritz Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacons Deacon Leon Fritz Deacon Greg Clodi				
Concelebrant Fr. Charles Wheeler	Concelebrant Fr. Charles Wheeler	Concelebrant Fr. Charles Wheeler				
Principal Celebrant Fr. Marcin Michalak	Principal Celebrant Fr. Marcin Michalak	Principal Celebrant Fr. Marcin Michalak				
EASTER	April 17	April 17				

EASTER SUNDAY 2022	April 17 8:30 AM	April 17 11:00 AM
Hospitality Ministers	Marian Worby Bruce Adams Mary Adams Mike Worby	Jim Lustig Greg Brenneisen Candi Brenneisen David Berg
Lectors	Ryan Adams (1) Beth Bisaillon (2)	Lisa Robbins (both readings)
Eucharistic Ministers	Lindsay Adams Teresa Fritz	Peggy Blanchette Daniel Trivino
Altar Servers	Harrison Adams Isabelle Jackson	Shane Martin 2 Volunteers Needed
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## More Announcements

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Carnes at 815-474-3590.

### **Listening Sessions**

The Synod is a way for us to join together and voice our hopes for the future of the Catholic Church. The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are sponsoring listening sessions from 6:30-8:00 p.m. April 18 and April 25. Catholics of Ford, Iroquois and Kankakee counties will be able to share thoughts. Register for these Zoom meetings at sscm-usa.org.

### **Vocation Prayer Calendar**

The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Prayer Calendar lists daily the names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation within the diocese. You can access this calendar at St. Joseph's website.

### Loan Special

Maternity BVM Credit Union is offering a loan special for \$3,000 at 2.99 apr (annual percentage rate) through June 30, 2022. For more information, visit www.mbvmcu.com or call 815-932-7131.

### **Good Friday Collection**

The Joliet Diocese is participating in the annual Good Friday collection, which supports Christians living in the Holy Land. The pandemic has struck particularly hard on the Catholic population because of the low amount of visitors. An envelope is in your packet from St. Joseph Parish.

There are volunteer opportunities still available for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Feel free to sign-up in the web terminal or contact the parish office for details about possibilities for helping during this most holy time in our church. Many thanks to our ministers!

## Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for April 2022



## "Lenten pruning leads to Easter glory"

Recently, I stopped by a big home improvement store. The garden center was bustling with people shopping for flowers and plants. Happily, I sighed and thought, "Ah, spring is in the air!"



One of my favorite images in the Bible is that of the garden. It not only reminds us that we reap what we sow. But also, it all begins in the Garden of Eden with the creation of Adam and Eve and then their eventual fall from grace. Jesus experiences deep prayer, agony and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion. At the resurrection, Mary Magdalene is the first to see the risen Christ, but she does not recognize him, "supposing him to be the gardener" (John 20:15). Throughout Scripture, gardens are a place to encounter the mystery of God. They are places of suffering, death and most importantly, new life.

Saying all this, let me acknowledge that I do not have a naturally green thumb. I admire people who possess that gift. Regardless, I am starting to dabble in some basic gardening.

At the bishop's residence in Joliet where I live, I have made the decision to have some large trees cut down in my backyard. The reason I am having them removed is not because I am "anti-tree." On the contrary, I love trees. However, there are so many in my backyard, that they have created a canopy over the yard through which no sunlight can penetrate. As a result, instead of grass, my backyard is basically a plot of dirt that, when it rains, turns into a muddy mess and at worst a swamp. As we remove a few of the trees, my hope is that the sun may shine through the remaining ones and that grass, flowers and plants may return to sprout, grow and flourish.

Scripturally, Jesus reminds us that gardens need to be pruned so that they may produce fruit: "He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:3). In the Catholic Church, spiritual pruning is not a negative exercise. Instead, it helps our spiritual growth by removing whatever inhibits or prevents us from

growing in healthy and holy ways.

Perhaps that is a good way to look at these past 40 days. Lent provides us the time to cut down and prune some things in our lives that prevent God's light from shining on and through us. We do so, specifically during Lent, with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving.

Continuing this theme of gardening around my house, late last fall I planted over 50 tulip bulbs around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After I planted them, I have constantly wondered, "Did the squirrels dig them up and eat them?" "Will they blossom and what color will they be?" "Will the Blessed Mother enjoy them?" Every day, I find myself eagerly awaiting these tulips to colorfully burst through the soil.

This is an act of hope! While I still cannot see the flowers, I eagerly anticipate their arrival. We, too, wait with faith and hope to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and savior at Easter and boldly proclaim that he is not dead. He is not still in the ground. He is risen!

The lingering question is, "Why do we spend time at garden centers and in our own gardens, planting and caring for flowers and plants?" It is partially because they are tangible signs of beauty, hope and life. As St. Alphonsus Liguori rightly noted, "When we see a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."

As we come to the end of this Lenten time of pruning in our own spiritual gardens, let us approach Easter with great joy and enthusiasm. In other words, with springtime hope, let us continue to search for and bask in the risen life of Christ, for he truly fills our world and lives with light, beauty and new life.+

## wesome Drive-ThruI



People have been raving about the porkchop sandwiches and the speedy service at the Holy Name's fundraiser last Sunday, April 3. Many thanks to these gentlemen and all the volunteers and the people who stopped by for lunch. In the end. the crew sold out of the 147 sandwiches. Proceeds will help purchase additional closers for the doors in our church for easier access.

### Family Mass!



Thanks to everyone who helped at Family Mass last Sunday and those who attended the afternoon liturgy. These are such happy celebrations of our faith.



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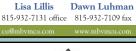
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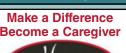
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