

#### **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**

www.stjosephbradley.org

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# St. Joseph's Council 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. February 15th MENS This + Meeting Tuesday Ministry Center

Did you know that St. Joseph Parish has a women's group? Our chapter of the CCW has been in existence for decades. The ladies are looking to expand and grow the membership and offerings.

Umm ok, how do I join? Well, that's easy ... all ladies of the parish are technically already part of this organization. So, all you need to do is attend their meetings and share ideas and help make them happen. (Or feel free to contact Teresa Fritz, president, teresafritz7@gmail.com, to let the group know that you would be happy to help, but cannot always attend monthly gatherings).

Again, ladies of the parish are invited to the CCW meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Ministry Center. The group is looking for ideas of types of events and programs you would like to see happen at your parish. Please come and bring your suggestions and energy!

(And, everyone please watch the bulletin for details as the CCW is planning a St. Joseph Table celebration and dinner on the feast day of our parish patron, March 19, following the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass. To find out more and to get on the helper list, please contact Teresa at the above email address or call the parish office).



Go to our parish website, stjosephbradley.org, to sign-up to help at the next Mobile Pantry or call the parish office to volunteer.

And, please spread the word about this opportunity to receive food next Friday, Feb. 18, starting at 10 a.m.

Thanks to our Team and all who support this ministry!



## Announcing our Parish Party Planners!

St. Joseph's Parish Council is looking to add something new to our parish offerings. The hope is to host monthly social opportunities for individuals and families to come together at the parish for game and movie nights, theater in the parking lot, chili dinners, cookouts, pizza parties, trivia contests and more as well as offsite with bowling, ice skating, etc.

But, we need help to plan, organize and implement these ideas. Please think about being part of the Parish Party Planners. And, maybe share this idea with others too. For details and to get involved, call the parish office or email us at parishadmin@stjosephbradley.org. This is so exciting!!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18	February 19			
St. Cyril	7 a.m. Mass	7 a.m. Mass	The Seven Holy	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.			
&	† Elmer	† Barbara	Founders of the	Mass	Mass			
St. Methodius	"Butch" Fries	Marie	Servite Order	† Patti	† Edmund			
7 a.m.	by	Rittmanic by	7 a.m. Mass	McElroy &	Pudlo by			
Communion	Family &	Mark & Kerry	† Dick Paraday by	Daughter,	John & Kim			
Service	Friends	Hoffman	Jean Janssen	Lisa, by Larry	Samborski			
Saturday			Sunday					
February 19			February 20					
4:00 p.m. Vigil			8:30 a.m. *The People of St. Joseph Parish					
† Joan Sammons by Lanecia Ciaccio			11:00 a.m. Mass † Ronald Merillat (Anniversary					
† George Ray by Dale & Sharon Monty			Memorial) by Family					

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert. That's why it is imperative to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground. For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this—Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most—that my roots stretch harder for that water. Woe to the rich, says Jesus—woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because God doesn't want us to smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows that when things are going well, we often

humanity. He knows that when things are going well, we often stop looking for God. What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer? We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.-Tracy Earl Welliver

Offerings for the weekend of February 5/6, 2022 \$7,587.21

4:00 pm: \$3,920.00 8:30 am: \$1,702.21 11:00 am: \$1,123.00

4:00 pm (Family Mass): \$646.00 Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$196.00 Food Donations: 112.10 Pounds Readings for Week of February 13, 2022

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

# Thank you for being part of Our Parish, Our Family



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# Confirmation Retreat 2022 at St. Joseph's



spend time focusing on our relationships with God

Sometimes we need a break from ordinary routines to spend time focusing on our relationships with God and one another. That's exactly what our 33 Confirmation Candidates and 13 volunteers did last Sunday.

The
Confirmation
Retreat was
great fun and
very inspiring.
From Knock,
Knock Jokes to
writing a letter to
their future self,
the participants
and helpers had
a chance to take
a look at their
personal faith

It was a fun time as the candidates and volunteers shared faith, prayed and

journeys and share their hopes for the future as well as share tips for staying rooted in their faith as they continue through their daily lives.

The overall hope was for our candidates to move forward in their faith journey and build community along the way,

which was evident as many of them chose to sit with their groups lead ger Jeffe

instead of their family at our Youth and Family Mass, which also ended the retreat. Sorry moms and dads! But how awesome for them to be able to share their faith with friends!

enjoyed snacks and lunch as well as games and other

activities.

I'm sending a huge shout out of appreciation to our high school volunteers who offered to spend their afternoon at the retreat,

leading discussions and more! What a powerful witness as they shared enthusiasm and insight. May God bless you for your generous spirit: Grace Johnson, Dan Sorich, Sean Storer, Zach Jefferson, Josh Sorich, David Quigley, Keegan Nowman, Sydney Brooks and Emily Storer. And, let me give a big thank you to our adult helpers: Marilyn Gruber, Meredith Scafiezzo, Amy Tholen, and Pat Lovell. St. Joseph is definitely blessed with wonderful parishioners answering the call to love and serve and showing what it means to be part of Our Parish, Our Family!-Anita Lovell

LITURGICAL ROLES	February 19 4:00 PM	February 20 8:30 AM	February 20 11:00 AM	Interested in any of	
Hospitality Ministers	Mike Worby Jim Lustig Michael Ely Volunteer Needed	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Aliess Bedford	Anita Lovell Katelyn Storer Paul Storer Emily Sue Storer	these ministries? Contact the parish for	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Mary Kay Blankestyn (1) Gert Auberry (2)	Lupita Sorich (1) Zaida Garcia (2)	training. Ministers go online to	
Eucharistic Ministers	Chuck Carnes Doug Hardy	Daniel Trivino Annie Kidd	Margie McCalester Paul Storer Volunteer Needed	see when scheduled, request subs and input dates	
Altar Servers	Marian Worby	Adelaide Bedford Isabelle Jackson	David & Sean & Jane Quigley		
Deacons	Deacon Leon	Deacon Greg		not to be scheduled.	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin	Fr. Wheeler	Fr. Marcin		

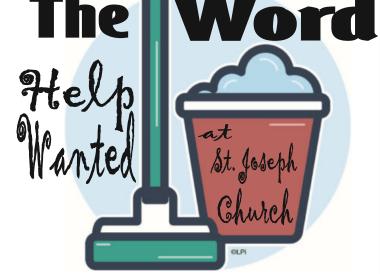
# Newly Baptized

Through the waters of Baptism, the people of St. Joseph welcome: Brayden Michael Thomas Burnham, son of Natausha Burnham. Congratulations and many blessings!

#### Have you ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus?

Now is the perfect time to join our Bradley council as gentlemen can complete First, Second and Third Degrees Feb. 20 at St. Patrick Parish in Kankakee. To begin the process, contact Justin Sommer at 815-216-0314.

# Please Spread Happy World Marriage Day



St. Joseph Church has an opening for a part-time Maintenance Employee. Hours would be from 1-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Call the parish office for details.

When was the last time you dreamt with your spouse together? In the beginning, many couples share dreams and goals, but as years go by, it is easy to fall into routine and forget what those dreams are. The Inter-Parish Marriage Enrichment Team of the Joliet Diocese is presenting

"Dreaming Together: A Faith-filled Journey for Your Marriage" on March 19 from 9 a.m.-

Your Marriage" on March 19 from 9 a.m.1 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville.
With their light, comedic style, Chris and Linda
Padaett will share practical advice on how to

With their light, comedic style, Chris and Linda
Padgett will share practical advice on how to
start dreaming together again and how to
make those dreams a reality. They have been
married for 30 years and are the authors of
"Marriage in Ministry" and "Holy Marriage,
Happy Marriage." Parents of nine, the couple
lives in New York and spends their time
presenting marriage and family retreats.

For complete details and online registration and payment, visit <a href="www.imetevents.org">www.imetevents.org</a>. To register by phone, call 630-971-240.



## Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for February 2022



### "Kindness: the antidote to a cold heart"

February can be one of the coldest months of the year. While we may differ on our preference between cold or hot weather, I think we can all agree no one wants a cold heart. St. Catherine of Siena reminds us that, "The human heart is always drawn by love." However, without attending to our relationship to Jesus, it is all too easy for our hearts to turn cold or even lukewarm. In a homily by Pope Francis given in 2016, the Holy Father exhorted, "A lukewarm heart becomes self- absorbed in lazy living and it stifles the fire of love."



So, how do we keep our hearts from turning cold or lukewarm until the spring comes? In other words, how do we keep our hearts on fire with our love for God and neighbor? While there are many possible ways to accomplish that, let me suggest one yet profound way: namely, the practice of kindness.

Recently in our Blanchette Catholic Center, one of our employees was asked what she wanted for her birthday. She replied with one word, "Kindness." Why did she ask for the gift of kindness? I think it is because she has been

inundated with what so many of us have been experiencing, specifically a growing amount of rudeness, anger and unforgiving spirit in an increasingly polarized world. Anyone who works specifically in customer service, or just with "people" in general, reports a rise in angry outbursts, both verbally and physically.

While we all want others to be more kind to us, we all also need to work on how to be more kind to others. To do this, a few years ago, someone introduced me to the "FIVE" rule. If you are ever provoked to respond to someone in an unkind way, ask yourself, "Before any nasty words leave my mouth, how will I feel about what I am about to say in the next five seconds? In five minutes? In five hours? In five days? And in five years?" It is possible that we might feel better in the next five seconds, five minutes or even five hours. However, it is always good to take a wider perspective and ask, "Is what I am about to say something I will be proud of or regret in the next five days or five years?"

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us an example of what it looks like to be grounded in kindness. In the times that he is dismissed, criticized, opposed, jeered, mocked, and even tortured physically, he responds with a cumulative and resounding, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." As we lean into Jesus, our daily prayer lives help to connect to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we appeal to his love and mercy.

We may be tempted to reject this movement toward kindness because it may be interpreted as a sign of weakness. We might think, "Fine, I am willing to be kinder to others. But that will not help change the rude and angry behaviors of so many other people out there!" However, never forget that kindness is wonderfully infectious. As St. Augustine wrote, "One loving heart sets another on fire." In other words, when we speak and act with kindness, it can spread and multiply in others.

At the Diocese of Joliet, we model and multiply the kindness that Jesus displayed in his life and his works in our ministries. Our Catholic schools teach kindness when students are instructed in Catholic social teaching as part of the regular curriculum. Our Catholic Charities teaches

kindness when providing a room for the homeless at Daybreak Shelter or delivering food to the needy through its mobile food pantry. Our adult formation program teaches kindness when accompanying individuals through a study of the Gospels. And our vocations program teaches kindness when helping young men and women discover the fullness of a life devoted to the Lord.

The need for kindness is why the theme for our 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is "Devoted to the Works of the Lord." It is through the kindness found woven throughout our works dedicated to God that we find peace and salvation. I encourage you to learn more about our ministries and how you can multiply the kindness of our works through the CMAA by going to the following website: www.jolietdioceseappeal.org.

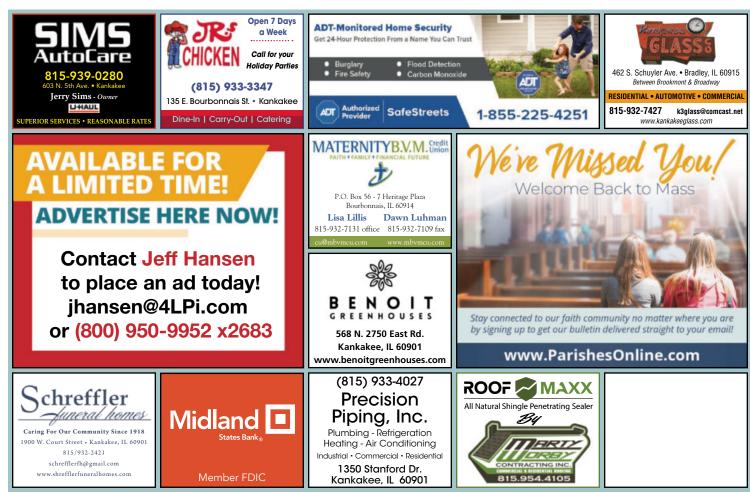
I hope you agree that none of us wants to have cold or lukewarm hearts. We long for hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor. As we wait for the spring, might we consider to be the change we want to see in the world by practicing kindness frequently. As St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in

your smile." +

February Family Mass at St. Joseph's



It was another wonderful celebration of Eucharist as we gathered for our monthly Youth and Family Mass last Sunday. Families are really getting great "behind the scenes" experience as they help with ministries that are essential to good liturgy! Thank you to all who participated: Altar Servers, Harrison Adams and Aaliyah Gray; Greeters, the Dombkowski, Arseneau and Patrick families; Lectors, Keegan Nowman and Veritas Babiaka; Gift Bearers, Alicia Arseneau, Valerie Jamnik and Michelle Huston; Ushers, Sarah and Tony Valerio and Jasmine Elumbaugh; Eucharistic Ministers, Sandra Gray and Lindsay Adams, and our choir, Reese Fitzgerald, Elaina and Katelyn Storer, led by Brad Benoit, music director. These Masses are really growing in popularity. Thank you to Fr. Marcin and Deacon Greg for giving time for this special, extra Mass at the beginning of the month.







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