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Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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

Rosary

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.

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Ladies Invited

Wine & Cheese Tasting

6 o'clock
This Tuesday
Evening

Ministry Center

St. Joseph's Council of Catholic Women will open the New Year with a delightful Wine and Cheese Tasting this coming Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Ministry Center. Ladies of the parish are invited for this charming evening of conversation and fun. If you are interested in being part of this women's group, please plan on attending to learn more about St. Joseph's CCW. We hope to see you there.



The Parish Office will be closed this coming Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Mobile Pantry

Returning

Next Friday

January 21st

Volunteers Needed

Go our parish website, stjosephbradley.org, to sign-up to help at the next Mobile Food Pantry or call the parish office to volunteer. And, please help spread the word about this opportunity to receive food next Friday, January 21, starting at 10 a.m. Thanks to our Team and all who support this ministry of care!



Next weekend we will have the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support will provide lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly instruction and religious formation, and other needed programs.

An envelope to donate is in your packet from St. Joseph Parish. To learn more about how your gift will make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 17 <i>St. Anthony & Martin Luther King Day</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday January 18 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Dick Paraday by Jim & Peggy Blanchette	Wednesday January 19 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Elmer Fries by Family & Friends	Thursday January 20 <i>St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr & St. Sebastian, Martyr</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Edna Allain	Friday January 21 <i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Elmer Fries by Family & Friends	Saturday January 22 <i>Day of Prayer for Protection of the Unborn</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *People of St. Joseph Parish
Saturday January 22 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Noel Goudreau (Birthday Memorial) by Wife, Lois, & Family † Patrick O'Connor (Anniversary Memorial) by Wife, Marge			Sunday January 23 8:30 a.m. Mass † Fr. Rene Dionne by Denise Kuffel 11:00 a.m. Mass † Louis Coy III (Anniversary Memorial) by Louis Coy Jr		

In Loving Memory

Please remember in prayer the families of Linda Senesac, Robert White, Fr. Rene Dionne recently called to Eternal Life. May they forever enjoy God's loving embrace.

STEWARDSHIP

Who is God asking you to be today? We are all striving to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts. Think about the wedding at Cana: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role, and though it is the servers Mary instructs, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all. Today, are we called to be the servers—do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate Mary herself and give encouragement to follow God's word? Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.—Tracy Earl Welliver

Offerings for the weekend of January 8/9, 2022**\$5,635.00****4:00 pm: 2,984.00****8:30 am: \$1,189.00****11:00 am: \$1,392.00****Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$70.00****Food Donations: 63 Pounds****Readings for Week of January 16, 2022**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Changing the Church Environment



A tremendous thank you goes out to the many parishioners who helped transform the church first for Advent, then Christmas and finally back to Ordinary Time last Sunday (pictured). Each time a request was sent out for help and each time the response was amazing! Several families happily offered their time and couples and individual parishioners helped out too. Thank you to all who took part. Our opportunities to gather together are very limited, but these days provided us a nice chance to work, laugh and share faith together. Sincere thanks to all of you!

Having Conversations and Saving Lives



(Left) Parishioner Sandy Lambert visits with the Versiti staff as she gives blood at St. Joseph's Parish Hall last Sunday and parishioner Mary Adams (right) chats with the other donors. It was sure a pleasant time at this event. During this uncertain time, we collected 25 units. Many thanks to all who stepped up and did something to make a difference in our community! It means the world to patients needing transfusions and their families.



There would be no lifesaving supply of blood without wonderful donors like you. Thank you, sincerely, for making this important decision and taking the valuable time to save lives! (Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, April 10, 2022).

You pay your bills electronically ... Why not give to your church this way too?



St. Joseph's Electronic Giving options are the most convenient ways for donating and staying consistent with offerings. **You can make automated ACH Offerings from your savings or checking accounts.** Download the form at the parish website and print; complete; follow the directions and put in collection basket or mail to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. **Or look for the PayPal Button at our website to set-up contributions.** Thanks for your support!

LITURGICAL ROLES	January 22 4:00 PM	January 23 8:30 AM	January 23 11:00 AM	Interested in any of these ministries? Contact the parish for info and training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, to request subs and to input any dates not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Lustig Mike Worby Janet Gregoire	Kathy Storer Michael Storer Joan Busteed	Lori Cornelius Julie Gindy Candi & Greg Brenneisen	
Lectors	Beth Bisaillon (both readings)	Mary Kay Blankestyn (1) Gert Auberry (2)	Lupita Sorich (1) Emily Rose Storer (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Doug Hardy Patricia Croix	Wayne Delabre Annie Kidd Daniel Trivino	Chuck Carnes Alan Knittel	
Altar Servers	Marian Worby	Isabelle Jackson	Sean & Jane Quigley Ryane Jefferson	
Deacons	Deacon Greg		Deacon Leon	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin	Fr. Marcin	Fr. Marcin	

The Online Sign-Up for the Cleaning Crew is available at our website. Please check your calendar and take some slots when you can stay after weekend Mass. If you have not used the Fogger, please note that the backpack weighs about 16 pounds. We have a training video that we will email you. Please help us keep our parishioners and guests safe. Thanks for your help!

RE: Digging Back In/Diving Back In



After a beautiful and blessed Christmas Season of celebrating Christ's birth with family and friends, our homes, church and schedules are returning back to normal. And so, it is time for St. Joseph's Religious Education program to start back up for the second half of our year. We can't wait to come together again to learn and discover even more Treasures of Our Faith!!

Here is a look at what is coming for the next few weeks!
 Wednesday, Jan. 19, 4:30-5:45 pm - **All RE In-Person Session on Prayer**; Sunday, Jan. 23, noon - **Confirmation Session for Candidate and Sponsors**; Wednesday, Feb. 2, 4:30-5:45 pm **Practice for Youth & Family Mass & First Reconciliation Class**; Sunday, Feb. 6, 1 pm **Confirmation Retreat** ending with our 4:00 pm **Youth & Family Mass**.

We still welcome volunteers to help with any of our sessions! Please contact Anita Lovell in the RE Office or by emailing alovell@stjosephbradley.org if you would like to give a hand.

Rosary for Life happening downtown Kankakee next Saturday

Since abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973, 62 million lives have been lost to this procedure. Come and pray for Life next Sunday, January 22, at 1:30 p.m. on the Kankakee County Courthouse sidewalk. (Street parking available on Court Street and Indiana Avenue). In the event of inclement weather, we will pray the Rosary at Knights of Columbus Hall around the corner. (This prayerful demonstration is sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee).





Bishop Ronald Hicks' Monthly Column

January 2022

Re-educating ourselves on the Eucharist



In the days following Thanksgiving this year, I was with a group of friends who are my age (mid-50s). Most of them have children who recently graduated from or are still in either high school or college. Our conversation turned to the Eucharist. I was shocked that even though they are Catholic, a few of my friends and many of their children believe that the bread and wine we receive at Mass are symbols of Christ's presence. Immediately I went into my teaching mode and emphasized that the Eucharist was instituted by Jesus. With the words of consecration, under the appearance of bread and wine, the whole of Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity. Now, this was not a theological debate, and I actually did not receive much pushback from my exhortation. However, one of the college students simply responded to me without any contention or guile, "Hmmm. Is that what we really believe? I did not know that."

This encounter reflects the data and studies that show many Catholics do not believe in or fully understand the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we begin 2022, many of us have made a New Year's resolution. I would like to invite you to join me in a New Year's resolution to re-educate ourselves about the Eucharist. For no matter how educated or faithful we are, we are constantly being invited by our Lord to go deeper in our faith and understanding of the Eucharist.

The document "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 general meeting. The document highlights the importance, centrality, and gifts of the Eucharist. If you have not had the chance to read the document, I invite you to learn more about it by going to the following link on the USCCB website: usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church. You will notice that you can not only read the document, but also click on a comprehensive online course to learn more about it.

We should continuously strive to grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist and our faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

However, as we learn more, our hearts will hopefully grow with a deep love for God and the Eucharist. Once this love becomes strong, the love of God through the Eucharist will become the central focus and priority of our lives. As St. Ignatius of Antioch said, "I have no taste for the food that perishes nor for the pleasures of this life. I want the bread of God, which is the flesh of Christ, which is love that cannot be destroyed."

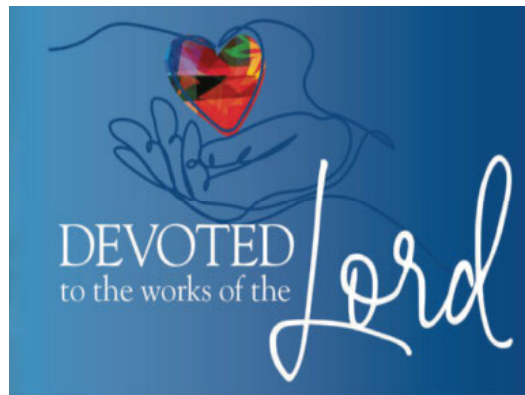
Along with the document on the Eucharist, the USCCB also announced a National Eucharistic Congress that will take place in Indianapolis in 2024. Eucharistic congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and the laity to celebrate and glorify the Holy Eucharist while seeking to spread its knowledge and love throughout the world. The National Eucharistic Congress is the culmination of a three-year Eucharistic revival in the Catholic Church, which begins on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 16, 2022. For more details about this revival, I invite you to go to the following site: eucharisticrevival.org

Hopefully, this Eucharistic revival will serve as a spark for Catholics across the United States to help reignite their faith by being healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and to be sent out in mission "for the life of the world." For as we receive Christ in the Eucharist, our desire is to be strengthened to go out into the world and to put our faith into action through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In other words, the Eucharist nourishes us to be the face of Jesus for those who need him most. This echoes St. Teresa of Kolkata's words, "We cannot say that we love Jesus only in the Eucharist – naturally, we want to put that love into action. We cannot separate the Eucharist and the poor."

As you read this column, perhaps it will motivate you to embrace a New Year's resolution to re-educate yourself on the Eucharist. For if the Eucharist is truly the source and summit of the Christian life, then we will be eager to fully embrace the words of Jesus, who said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

Attention High School/ College Students

CONFIRMATION Retreat



The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway! This year's theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates

how our support helps ministries that benefit so many across the Joliet Diocese. Please review the information in the mailing and prayerfully reflect on your pledge.

How has the work and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit helped you in your life since your Confirmation? Would you like to give back? As young witnesses of faith, never underestimate what a strong and meaningful impact you can have on the lives of others. We are looking for some older teens to help with our Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Please prayerfully consider giving some time to help make a difference in the lives of our current candidates. Please contact Anita Lovell in the RE Office at alovell@stjosephbradley.org to discuss how you can help. We can be flexible in what type of role and time commitment you are willing to serve.

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