

# St. Joseph Church 211 NORTH CENTER AVENUE

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent

### **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**

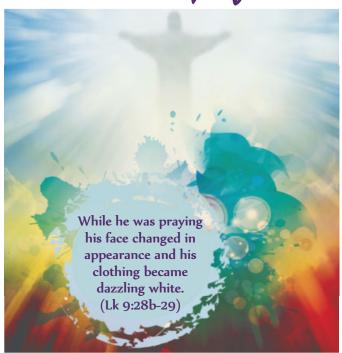
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# Celebrating St. Joseph!



St Joseph's CCW is hosting a St. Joseph Table event in honor of our parish patron next Saturday, March 19 (the Solemnity of St. Joseph), following 4 p.m. Saturday Mass. Join us at the Parish Hall for festivities and wonderful potluck dinner!

Those with last names A-M please bring a vegetable or potato dish and those with last names N-Z please bring a salad or desert. (Feel free to bring items to the hall before Mass).

Chicken will be provided as well as coffee, lemonade and water and plates and silverware will be furnished too. There's always a lot of good fixings and delicious desserts. Please attend!

This is going to be an excellent celebration of Our Parish, Our Family and a chance to get reacquainted and meet some new friends!

### **Update from Parish Music Director**



Among the obvious challenges we have all faced for the past two years, I want to thank the congregation for being gracious and supportive of the Music Ministry.

Between many regulatory changes, balancing a small yet tremendously reliable group of musicians, and making upgrades to the sound system, the tangible support of the music ministry from our parish keeps me motivated and eager to do more.

As we enter a time in which we can grow this ministry, I am planning on expanding our adult music groups, re-engaging the young adult musicians, and continuing to grow a youth group for the monthly Family Masses using the Religious Education and Bishop McNamara School students. There will be much more to announce in the coming months as it is my goal to plan and launch this expansion for the Fall of 2022.

Meanwhile, if you know any parishioner that is or may be interested in joining, please encourage him or her to reach out to me at bbenoit@stjosephbradley.org or call the parish office. The music ministry is open to all no matter your experience or age and I am looking forward to the growth of this ministry at St. Joseph in the coming years.

I do ask the congregation to give a special thanks to all the musicians participating in this ministry. They have been dependable and flexible throughout these challenging times and I couldn't ask for a better group of people with whom to make music.

Many prayers to all during this Lenten Season and thank you again for your support of the Music Ministry!

Sincerely, Brad Benoit, music director

### Devoted to the works of the Lord



Thank you to everyone who pledged support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Envelopes are still available in church or you can return the card you received from the Joliet Diocese or make a gift at our parish website.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS									
Monday March 14 Weekday of the 2nd week of Lent 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday March 15 Lenten Weekday 7:00 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Mr. & Mrs. Arrington	Wednesday March 16 Lenten Weekday 7 a.m. Mass † Paul D. Lovell (Birthday Memorial) by Norma, Wife	Thursday March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop 7:00 a.m. Mass † Gary Henderson (Anniversary Memorial) by Julie, Wife	Friday March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem 8:30 a.m. Mass † Dick Paraday by Ken Cuttles	Saturday March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary 8:30 a.m. Mass † Edmund Pudlo by John & Kim Samborski				
Saturday March 19 4 p.m. Vigil Mass † Gary Duffield by Al & Pat Knittel † Rose Mary LaMore by Family & Friends			Sunday March 20 8:30 a.m. Mass † George Ray by Regina LaFontaine 11 a.m. Mass † Barbara Rittmanic by Mark & Kerry Hoffman						

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

I want to talk about being hangry. This is when you're so hungry you get angry. You can't get anything done and are not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. This happens to everybody sometimes. We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls. Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants—even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for. Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry—or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is "occupied with earthly things"—turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than an energy bar.-Tracy Earl Welliver

### Offerings for the weekend of March 5/6, 2022 \$8,268.00

4:00 pm: \$4,203.00 8:30 am: \$1,766.00 11:00 am: \$1,279.00

4:00 pm (Family Mass): \$366.00 Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$654.00

### In Loving Memory



Please remember in prayer the families of Tina Kibbons and Barbara Brown called to Eternal Life. May they enjoy forever the warm embrace of God.

**Readings for Week of March 13, 2022 Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 **Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Next Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 **Mass Readings:** www.stjosephbradley.org

Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with your offerings. You can make automated <u>ACH Offerings</u> from your savings or checking accounts. Please clip the form on page 6 or download it at the parish website; print; complete; follow the directions and put in collection basket or mail or to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the <u>PayPal Button</u> at our website to set-up contributions through this online payment method. Thanks for your support!

### No headline needed...this speaks for itself!

Last Wednesday, March 9, the Parish Hall was full of people helping for such a great cause! Parishioners and friends of our church gathered to sort, pack, weigh and tape boxes of donated goods to be shipped overseas for

















How did this come about? On Friday,
March 4, Fr. Marcin announced that
St. Joseph Parish was teaming with St.
Rose Parish in Wilmington, St. Patrick
Parish in Wilton Center and St.

Andrew Parish in Romeoville to assist the Church of St. Lawrence in Ukraine.



Fr. Wojciech Borzyszkowski, a Polish priest serving at St. Lawrence Church, had reached out to Fr. Marcin, a seminary classmate, and his priest friends, explaining the plight of the people. The Dominican Sisters of the parish have been working to provide meals and items to refugees fleeing from the war. With supplies diminishing Fr. Wojciech called Fr. Marcin and the others, hoping something could be done to assist. It didn't take long after Fr. Marcin's Friday morning homily for items to start arriving at our parish.

Parishioners brought imperishable foods, diapers, blankets and much more to Mass last weekend for the effort. It was a huge initial response! Once news of the project reached other churches and neighbors and friends of the area, we had a steady stream of offerings throughout the week. It was truly inspiring to see the community come together.



LITURGICAL ROLES	March 19 4:00 PM	March 20 8:30 AM	March 20 11:00 AM	Are you interested in any of these	
Hospitality Ministers	Mike Worby Jim Lustig Michael Ely	Nick Shervino Aliess Bedford Dick Jenkins	Paul Storer Katelyn Storer Emily Sue Storer	ministries? You're invited to have a special role at Mass.	
Lectors	Beth Bisaillon (both readings)		Lupita Sorich (1) Zaida Garcia (2)	Please contact us for details and training. Our	
Eucharistic	Michael Ely Diane Ely	Annie Kidd Daniel Trivino	Alan & Pat Knittel Volunteer Needed	ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input dates	
Altar Servers	Marian Worby	Isabelle Jackson Adelaide Bedford	Ryane Jefferson Sean & Jane Quigley		
Deacons	Deacon Greg	Deacon Leon Fritz		not to be scheduled.	
Presiders	Fr. Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Scriedulea.	







The project culminated in the Parish Hall on last Wednesday. What an amazing overall response from start to finish! In the end, we collected 118 boxes, weighing 6,310.5 pounds to be shipped.

I just want to extend the gratitude of my priest friends and my personal words of thanks to all of you who with such loving hearts donated either food, blankets, medical necessities and other items as well as those who gave of their financial treasure to ensure that the items could get to their needed destination. The pictures in our bulletin, website and social media surely cannot fully capture the generous outpouring of support you have shown for this Lenten Humanitarian Effort, which we have been calling "40 Things For Ukraine."

The next step is not certain (as of the printing of the Bulletin), but our efforts will be ongoing. Your level of love, care and concern has overwhelmed us and so let me again express that we thank you for your kindness for the refugees and those who are caring for them and may God Bless you all for your generosity.-Fr. Marcin



### Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for March 2022



### "Lenten Madness"

In 1908, the Illinois High School Association sponsored a small invitational basketball tournament that quickly grew to a statewide event due to its popularity. As years went on, this tournament consistently sold out the University of Illinois gymnasium in Urbana-Champaign and was commonly referred to as "March Madness." This term of endearment is also used to promote the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament.

The word "madness" has many connotations and perseverance and persistence are so relevant to keeping definitions. In this case, "madness" refers to the fervor, passion and enthusiasm that accompanies the tournament. Using that definition, let's imagine what pandemic and constant bad- news cycles, we are in it would be like if we were to approach the 40 days before Easter as "Lenten Madness." Just think of a hope, joy and peace more than ever. We are encouraged not only to personally embrace this fervent, passionate and enthusiastic Lent. relationship with the Lord, but also to share it with

We have become accustomed during "March Madness" to see and read feature stories about Sister Jean, BVM. She is the legendary chaplain of the Loyola Ramblers men's basketball team. Even though she loves the sport of basketball and supporting her team, never doubt her true passion. Anyone who knows her, knows that her deepest love is being a servant of God and devoting her life to helping others.

On February 24, our Holy Father released a beautiful message for Lent 2022. I invite you to read and reflect on the pope's powerful words as a way of preparing for this holy season: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/ messages/lent/documents/20211111-messaggioquaresima2022.html.

In his Lenten message, Pope Francis reflects on St. Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all." (Gal: 6:9-10) You can almost hear St. Paul delivering those words of encouragement to the Galatians, like a basketball coach animating his or her team during halftime. Basically, St. Paul is inspiring those followers of Christ to not lose heart, to not grow weary or apathetic. Instead, they should be on fire for all the ways they can do good in the name of the Lord. Go out there and give it your all!

The messages of St. Paul and the Holy Father on

the flame of faith and salvation alive in the minds, hearts and souls of Christ's followers. In this time of extended need of God's burning love, mercy, compassion, healing, others with our words, attitudes and actions.

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The pope also reminds us that if we do not give up, if we stay in the game, then victory is ours. That victory certainly looks different from winning the NCAA tournament. As missionary disciples, our victory is sharing in the life and salvation that was won through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The Holy Father reminds us to never take our eyes off the prize. "If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others. By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake, and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be 'all in all.'" (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2022, Section 3)

Lent is a time that we are invited to grow closer to the Lord with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving. It is all too easy to approach this sacred time with a status quo mentality or lackluster energy. We might say, "I will give up this" or "I will do that." But then we may neglect to back it up with the needed fervor, passion and enthusiasm. This year, however, I invite you, within the life of the Church, to get off the bench and back into the game. Let's strive to make this a time of renewal and conversion that leads us deeper into our love of God and neighbor. In other words, let's make this blessed season a time of "Lenten Madness."+

# March Family Mass Coming EVENTS



We were blessed to celebrate a great Youth and Family Mass last Sunday afternoon.

In his homily, Fr. Marcin reminded us we are faced with many opportunities to make poor choices (like eating an entire bag of candy bars at one time). Rather than acting on these we should try to follow the example Jesus of ignoring temptations and listening to people who care about us. Thanks to the volunteers who ignored the temptation of "someone else will do it," by stepping up to help. Our volunteers were: The Martin Family and Tristan McCabe as Greeters; Teagan Kline, Dom Meier and

Stations of the Cross are on Fridays during Lent at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The ladies have a CCW Meeting at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, March 15, at the Ministry Center.

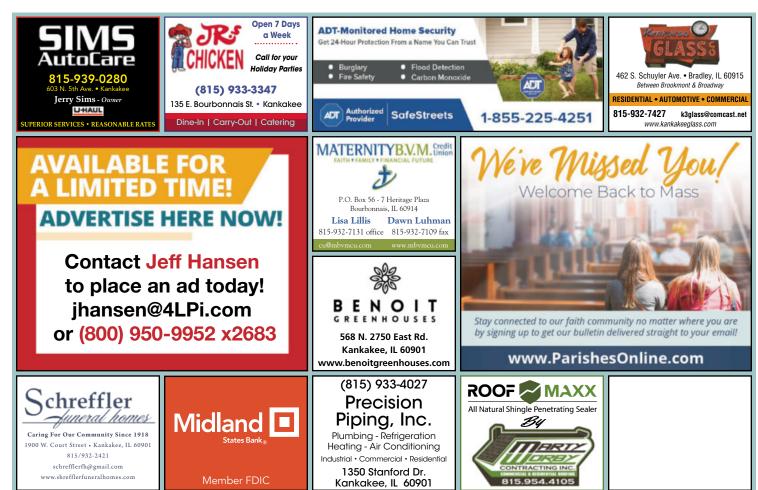
Please sign-up at the parish website to help at next Friday's Mobile Food Pantry (March 18th) or call the parish to volunteer.

The Holy Name is holding a Drive-Thru fundraiser on Sunday, April 3.

Our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6.

We have a Blood Drive happening at St. Joseph's on Sunday, April 10. Make an appointment at the parish website or call the parish office

Shane Martin as Readers; Kennedy and Lyndon Dombkowski, Kim and Nash Simeur as Gift Bearers; Lindsay and Tyson Emanuel, Sarah Dombkowski and Kady Luedtke as Ushers; Mike and Kathy Storer as Eucharistic Ministers, and Elaina and Katelyn Storer and Reese Fitzgerald with Brad Benoit in the choir. Thanks also to Deacon Greg and Paul Storer for helping with planning, set up and working with the liturgical ministers. Don't miss our next Family Mass on Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m.









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