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- Parish Mission Statement



St. Joseph Parish

211 NORTH CENTER AVENUE, BRADLEY ILLINOIS

Services

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 7:00 am

Friday-Saturday 8:30 am

Holy Days

7:00 am, 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 12 noon-7:00 pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm, also by appointment.

Baptism

The first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm or during the Liturgy by request. Parents are required to reserve and attend a baptism preparation class. Before choosing Godparents, please consult the office for guidelines.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months before the date of the wedding. Please do not reserve a hall or make other preparations before confirming the date with one of the priests. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Joseph. Weddings are 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. Please contact the rectory. Bulletin article deadline is Tuesday at 4pm for the following weekend.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Anthony A. Nugent

Priest in Residence

Rev. John T. Antczak

Deacons

Mr. Leon Fritz & Mr. Andrew Berg

Secretary

Ms. Reisha Raymond

Music Director

Ms. Jeanine Paul

Liturgist

Sandy Book

Pastoral Associate

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Business Manager

Mr. Dale Hoge

Director of Communications

Mr. Paul Storer

Religious Education

Phone: 815-937-9340

Office Hours: Tu,Th,Fr 9a-4p, Wed 9a-8p

Sr. Linda Schwamberger, sfcc-Director

Mrs. Melissa Marcotte-Co-ordinator

School Principal

Phone: 815-933-8013

Sr. Mary Ann Hettel, sscm- Principal

Director of Youth Ministry

Mr. Matt Toohill, 815-939-2780

Prayer Line

Mrs. Sandy Donley, 815-932-5333

Mrs. Gert Auberry, 815-932-8902

Office

Mon. & Fri: 8 am - noon & 1 - 5 pm

Tue., Wed., Thurs: 8 am-noon & 1 - 8 pm

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Parish Nurse-Office phone number, ext 7

Website: www.stjosephbradley.org



John the Baptist, as he preached of the coming of the Son of God, welcomed every type of sinner to the Jordan River to have their sins washed away, to begin a new life. Why then did Jesus-himself incapable of sin-ask to be baptized by John as well? Just as our baptism welcomes us into the arms of the Church, Jesus' baptism signifies the beginning of his ministerial mission on earth. It is here he is manifested as the Son of God and in possession of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' immersion in the waters of the Jordan expresses his willingness to self-cleanse everything up to that moment and begin his life as God's suffering servant (CCC 536). Just as Jesus appeared in the crowd of sinners waiting for the saving waters, he is with us today. In this seemingly simple act, he accepted his fate of death on the cross in exchange for the remission of our sins. As you bless yourselves today with holy water, linger a bit on the feel of the water and remember the beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased.

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*Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2009*

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 12-18

Monday, January 12

7:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 13-Hilary, bishop & doctor of the church

7:00 am † Verna Ponikvar (Anniv. Mem.) by Mike and Kathy Worby
 † Mary Jenkins (B'Day Mem.) by the Family
 † Jim Worby (Anniv. Mem.) by the Family

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 am † Charles Auberry (3rd Ann. Mem.) by Gert
 2:00 pm School Mass

Thursday, January 15

7:00 am † Ardis Peterson by Family & Friends

Friday, January 16

8:30 am † Leona Worby by Paul & Norma Lovell

Saturday, January 17-Anthony, abbot

8:30 am † Paul & Ruth Toliuszis by Michael & John Toliuszis, Sonya Study & Mary Rich
 4:00 pm † Louis Jamnik by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Jensen
 † Don Benjamin by Merle Raymond
 † Fritz Jeck (2nd Anniv. Mem.) by Wife & family

Sunday, January 18-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Ray Denoyer by Family
 † Leonard "Shakey" Martin by Mr. & Mrs. William Bisailon
 9:00 am * People of the Paraisah
 * In Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 69th Wedding Anniversary of Leonard & Stella Lambert
 11:00 am † Larry Offermann by Martin & Jacquelyn O'Lena

Remember in prayer our beloved dead
 called to their heavenly home to rest forever in the
 loving arms of God

Donald D. Benjamin
Audrey LaRocque

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2009

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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LITURGICAL ROLES

JANUARY 17/18

Lectors

Sat 4:00 pm Sharon Monty
 Sun 7:30 am Lori Rusk
 9:00 am Frank Kincs
 11:00 am Terry Fritz

Presiders

Fr. Tony
 Fr. John
 Fr. John
 Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Bev Emme, Peggy Luehrs, Sr. Denise, Meghan Seiling, Shirley Themer, Gloria Nolan
 Sun 7:30 am Gertrude Auberry, Tom Arseneau, Pat Croix, Betty Martin, Ruth Landry
 9:00 am Lori Gadbois, Jim L'Ecuyer, Caroline L'Ecuyer, Regina LaFontaine, Joseph Fritz, Mary Pittman
 11:00 am Mike Storer, Kathy Storer, Evelyn Soldan, Gene Donley, Jenny Hoge, Alex Hamilton

Hospitality Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Larry Denoyer, Madge Power, Steve Luehrs, Jeanie Luehrs, Fred Beratz
 Sun 9:00 am Carol Fritz, Lloyd Gadbois, Bob LaFontaine, Joan Busteded, Dick Jenkins
 11:00 am Karyn Skopik, John Skopik, Todd Skopik, Hillary Enzweiler, Janice Miller

Servers

Sat 4:00 pm Mitchell Blum, Riley Mason, Bailey Mason
 Sun 9:00 am Jenna Crabtree, Heather Crabtree, Amy Jeck
 11:00 am Ethan and Hannah Crowley, Rachel Froning

Organists/Cantors

Sat 4:00 pm Brian
 Sun 7:30 am Theresa/Joanne
 9:00 am Choir/Joanne
 11:00 am Ens II/Jeanine

My Time With Jesus

Sun 9:00 am Amie Byrne
 11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it - especially themselves - to the Lord of all."

Contributions for weekend of January 3/4

4:00 pm: \$4,266.00
 7:30 am: \$2,949.03
 9:00 am: \$2,817.00
 11:00 am: \$3,456.00

Total: \$13,488.03

Debt Reduction Contributions for the month of Dec. -\$1,226.00

The Baptism of the Lord

*Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling Rite.
The end of Christmas season and beginning of
Ordinary Time.*

Our celebration of Christmas does not end with the
infant Jesus,

but with the adult Jesus being baptized
and beginning his saving mission.

We who have been baptized with his Spirit
take up his work of salvation during Ordinary Time,
continuing his mission of bringing the Good News to
others.

The Renewal of our Baptismal Promises
and the Sprinkling of Holy Water
is a reminder of our call to discipleship in Christ Jesus.
Baptism is a daily immersion in the mission of Jesus
and invites us to a lifelong commitment of faith.

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Our environment within our worship space
will change in appearance to reflect
the Winter months of Ordinary Time.

The “greens” demarking this season will return to our
sacred space
until the end of February,
when we again enter into the Lenten season,
beginning our journey on
Ash Wednesday on February 25.

Thank You for Blessing Us.

*A note of thanks to the members of
Art and Environment
and those who helped prepare and decorate
our church's worship space
during the Season of Advent and Christmas.*

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We want to thank all those who gave of their time and  
energy to decorate our church for the Season of Advent and  
Christmas.

Unlike much of the decorating that we may do in our own  
homes,

the planning and preparation that precedes these liturgical  
seasons begins months prior to the holidays. We are grateful  
to the generous and gifted volunteers who give of their  
time, making our church so beautiful in reflecting the  
essence of each liturgical season.

Thank you to those who helped to set-up the Auditorium  
at Bradley – Bourbonnais Community High School  
for Mass on Christmas Eve.

We appreciate you sharing your time and your gift of faith,  
with the people of St. Joseph's Parish. Thank you to...

***Joan Busted, Fran Crews, Mary Kay Blankestyn, Steve  
Blankestyn, Don Pierce, Tom Sovinski, Walt Watt,  
Jenny Hoge, Julie Ebersole, Brenda Sikes, Lloyd Gadbois,  
Tom and Jeanine Paul, Andre Marcotte, and Tim Flood.***

2nd Annual Holy Name Society

## **Chili Luncheon**

Next Sunday, January 18, 2009

St. Joseph Church parish hall  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Adults-\$5.00  
Children 6-11-\$3.00  
Children 5 and under -free

Purchase 3 adult tickets for \$13.00

Carry out orders available-\$5.00



## **Do you feel that you have answered a call from the Lord?**



A call to marriage? A call to religious life?  
A call to ministry? A call to have children?  
A call to a certain job? A call to help  
someone? A call to do one thing when the world tells you  
to do something else? What has the Lord called you to do  
with your life?

The Beacon Newsletter is looking for your stories. How  
have you answered the call?

E-mail or call us, pstorer@stjosephbradley, 815-939-3573  
ext. 22. We want to inspire others through the way you  
personally have answered the call of the Lord. Please  
consider contributing to this project. Thank you.

***Lord, let me be a witness for you  
so that others will want to know you.***

*A very heartfelt word of appreciation goes out to all of those who have been visiting our web site,  
[www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org),  
Since the beginning of December, it has been visited over 1,540 times!  
Please continue to come often and let us know what else you'd like to see on it. Thanks again.*

Dear Members of St. Joseph Parish,

As a member of your parish community, I believe that I should be confirmed in March to take another step closer in my commitment to our God in heaven. In doing so, I can continue to build my relationship with God through my Catholic faith. By receiving the gift of Confirmation, I will renew my baptismal promises to the Lord and further strengthen my loyalty to both Him and the Catholic community.

In preparation for my Confirmation, I have participated in and learned from my St. Joseph religion classes since I was four years old. I have expressed my Catholic faith through prayer and church attendance. I have demonstrated my Catholic faith by helping my family members and others when help was needed. I have already received the gifts of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist and am now making the decision to receive the Holy Spirit when confirmed.

As I continue to live out my Catholic life, I will continue to attend church and follow the teachings of Jesus, the ultimate teacher. I will continue to pray and ask for God's guidance throughout my life. I will always follow the teachings of the Bible and will do my best to actively live out my faith. **-Tom Cowden**

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Dear Members of St. Joseph Parish,

I believe that I should be confirmed because it would be the next step in strengthening my relationship with God. Even though I have a good relationship with God, being confirmed will only strengthen it.

To prepare myself for Confirmation I have gone to Mass every Sunday including the "Rite of Enrollment" Mass. I have also been earning service hours by: babysitting, serving Mass, helping with vacation bible school, helping with Market Day and moving boxes at school during the summer. I will also be attending a retreat with the rest of the confirmandi of St. Joseph.

To live out my Confirmation, I plan to continue going to Mass weekly. I will always pray to God daily. I will help out with Mass. Lastly, I will keep my relationship with God strong. **-Hannah Crowley**

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I believe that I should be confirmed because I have been following the Christian lifestyle since I was a baby.

I have been praying and going to church and trying to pray more. I also, have been being a better Catholic.

I plan to live out my Confirmation for the rest of my life by going to church and praying. **-Drew Wilson**

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Dear Members of St. Joseph Parish,

My name is **Flynn Crawford**. I think I should be confirmed for the following reasons:

- I was born and raised and baptized a Catholic
- Being confirmed would complete this cycle
- I would become an adult in the eyes of the church

To prepare myself I have thought about what it means to me to be a Catholic and if this is the right choice for me. I have thought about what it means to be a Catholic and why being confirmed is very important in doing my Catholic duty.

I intend to live my Confirmation out even after I grow up and leave St. Joseph's by attending church and always keeping my faith in God and Jesus Christ.

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Our parish Web site has something for everyone

Were you out of town over the weekend? Keep informed by reading weekly bulletins online. On our Web site, [www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org), you can also hear our parish's clergymen stir the hearts and spirits of believers as they deliver powerful homilies.

Do you want to see the Beacon Newsletter in full color? Do you want to relive the experience of hearing Sr. Denise's passionate and eloquent reflection about the religious in our area? Did you miss Christmas at St. Joe's? Do you want to feel the Lord through the awesome, roof-raising talents of our parish musicians? Come to our Web site.

Pictures of our ministries and programs as well as information about upcoming events are all a click away at [www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org).

If you have any recommendations about what should also be on the site, we would like to hear from you. Please e-mail suggestions to: [pstor@stjosephbradley.org](mailto:pstor@stjosephbradley.org).

### "MANNA" SPOTLIGHT



We are now back to our regular schedule in the school  
Thursday & Friday 2:30-4:30  
Sunday-after 9:00 & 11:00 Masses

We hope that those who purchased "Manna" during the holidays will continue to do so. For your Sunday breakfast after Mass we have Village Grill, Family House, Cracker Barrel, Arby's, Wendy's, Burger King, America's Bistro. Stop by and pick up a certificate before you go.

If you do not have children in school, you can donate your discount to help a school or R.E. family with their tuition or the PWD program, music ministry or the youth ministry.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### HIGH SCHOOL

Jesus Says...MT 4:19  
 Sunday January 11, 7:00 PM in  
 the basement

Guest Speaker Rich Curran  
 Rich has lead workshops at YLC,  
 National conventions, and all over the  
 country. Find out more at  
[richcurran.com](http://richcurran.com)

T3 Bible Study Part 1  
 January 25, 7:00 in the basement  
 The T3 Bible study is presented by Mark "The  
 Bible Geek" Hart from Life Teen. It's an 8  
 part study and includes video's and discussion  
 guides, and a teen study kit.

2009 Event Schedule is online @  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>;  
 Click on The Youth Ministry page calendar

### Youth Ministry and You

#### A Leadership Day for Adults

January 11, @ 12:00PM

Parish Hall/Gym

Presenter: Rich Curran

Free

Includes Lunch

For those interested in participating more in  
 youth ministry

For those who already volunteer

And those who just want to more about  
 ministry with youth.

Cost for Rich Curran are covered by the  
 Pilot Grant from the Catholic Education  
 Foundation. It was granted to St. Joseph's  
 Youth Ministry for the purpose of leadership  
 development.

#### National Vocation Awareness Week to be Celebrated January 11-17

The Catholic Church in the U.S. will  
 celebrate National Vocation Aware-  
 ness Week this week which begins  
 with the Baptism of Our Lord. Each  
 of us becomes a son or daughter of  
 God at our own baptism. It is then  
 that we are commissioned to proclaim  
 the Good News of Jesus Christ  
 throughout our lives. Every single  
 person has a calling by God to love  
 and serve Him and one another. Dur-  
 ing this week take time to:

- Pray for vocations
- Reflect on our own vocation and  
 recommit ourselves to serving the  
 Lord with our whole being
- Educate our young people about lis-  
 tening to the voice of God.
- Teach your children to ask God the  
 question, "Lord, what do YOU want  
 me to do with my life?"

*For more info, go to [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com)*

### Junior High RATPAC

Sunday January 18, 2009

6:00-8:00PM

In the Parish Hall

RATPAC is a day of creative games designed to  
 build community, develop leadership, and have  
 some fun.

Chuck the Puck

Human Scooter Bowling

Mall Madness

And many others

Winners play the most popular game  
 "What's In The Box?"

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Leslie Kuecher, Administrative Assistant

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800.772.2873

**Bishop McNamara Catholic High School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement Test**

**Saturday, January 24**

**8:15-11:30 in Mac's Cafeteria**

Please bring two #2 pencils and \$30 testing fee

Call 815-933-7620 to reserve your spot

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
St. Viateur's Council No. 745  
187 S. INDIANA AVE., KANKAKEE

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Today, Sunday, January 11**

**8 am-12 pm KC Hall, Kankakee**

**BRADLEY LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST**



The Bradley Lions Club will be serving the all you can eat Biscuits & Gravy and Pancakes and Sausage breakfast Saturday morning, January 17 from 7:30 am 'til

11:30 am. Donations are \$4 and children under 5 eat free. If you and your friends are working, call in a group order of 5 or more orders at 1-815-932-9180 and we will deliver your breakfast to you.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. We are located on Locke Dr., the street that runs north between Steak & Shake and Aldi's. Questions, call Ron 815-932-5218.

**Do you know what's going on in the Joliet Diocese effecting your parish? Do you have questions, concerns or information you want the Joliet Diocese to know?** Bishop Sartain offers every member of the Joliet diocese an opportunity for communication, both to and from the Diocesan level, in the form of Diocesan Pastoral Council. Your local cluster of the council, chaired by Bill Ruder (St. Joe's Manteno) and Alice Argyelan (MBVM, Bourbonnais) will hold a meeting *for you*, on Monday, January 19th, 6:30 p.m. at Maternity BVM Community Center. Light refreshments will be served. The agenda for this meeting will include an overview of upcoming Liturgical changes presented by Sr. Sharon Stola, along with some expamples of what is likely to change within the mass involving text, prayers, responses, etc. You will be provided with an overview of the minutes from the last Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting. Bill and Alice will ask for your comments, questions and concerns you want taken back to the diocesan level. The next Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting will be February 14th, so now is the time to get together so Bill and Alice can represent you and your parish as best as possible. Please RSVP your desire to attend to 815/935-2735 or email [aeamsa80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aeamsa80@sbcglobal.net) or [wrunder@comcast.net](mailto:wrunder@comcast.net) to help us to properly prepare for the evening.  
Gratefully, Alice Argyelan

**Benefit for Lynn Jennings**



**Benefit for Lynn Jennings to help with her ongoing fight against cancer.**

Date: Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:00-9:00 PM  
Place: Knights Of Columbus Hall, Kankakee  
Adults \$10.00 donation per ticket      Children \$5.00 donation (At the door)  
Tickets sold at the door or at Body Works Fitness Center Inc. (815) 937-5953  
DJ ~ Food ~ Pop & Beer

**Annual World Marriage Day Celebration**

On Sunday, Feb. 22 there will be a special Mass for married couples of our greater Kankakee Area Catholic Parishes in celebration of the annual World Marriage Day. This event begins with Mass at 11:30 am with Bishop Sartain at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee followed by a simple brunch at the KC Hall in Kankakee. For further information call Linda Born 815-932-6716