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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-4pm on Tuesday.

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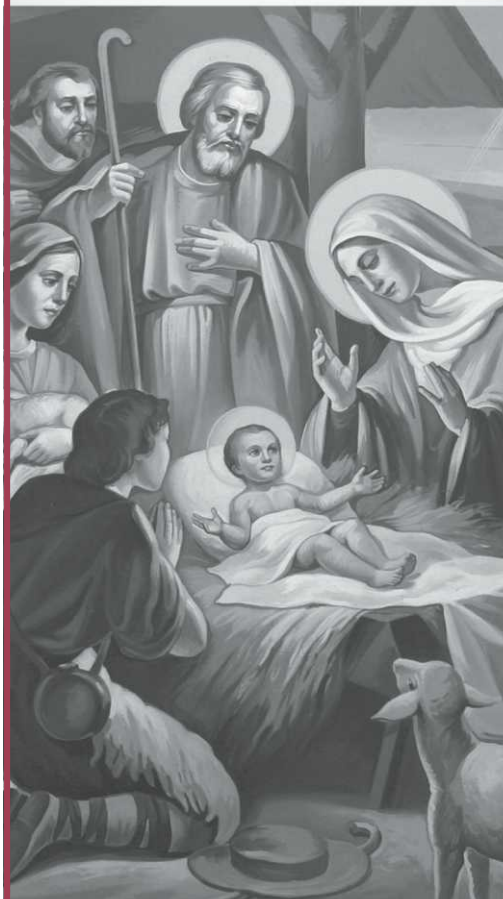
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"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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*Nativity of the Lord
December 24/25, 2011*

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 1

Monday, December 26-St. Stephen, first martyr

7:00 am † Donald Provost by Mr. & Mrs. Orell Lambert
 † Lawrence & Catherine Tuttle by Family

Tuesday, December 27-St. John, apostle & evangelist

7:00 am Communion Service

Wednesday, December 28-The Holy Innocents, martyrs

7:00 am † Genevieve Heriford by Barb Rittmanic

Thursday, December 29-St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

7:00 am † Tony Jamnik (B'Day Mem.) by Bev & family

Friday, December 30-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am † Janet Muehler by William & Cheryl Landis
 † Paul & Janet Benoit by Glenna & family

Saturday, December 31-St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:30 am † Rober Grise (B'Day Mem) by Theresa & family
 4:00 pm † Judith Joubert by Patricia-Watson Billadeau
 † Larry Lambert by Sr. Myra Lambert ssacm
 † Madore & Irene Lanoue (73rd Wedd Ann Mem.) by Family

**Sunday, January 1, 2012-Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE**

7:30 am † Evelyn Fortin by the Steve Luehrs Family
 † Joan Burton by Family
 † Loretta Owen (Anniv. Mem.) by Ed & Pat Burr
 9:00 am † Pauline Prince by Ann
 † Arlene Menser by Friends
 † Jim, Mary & Jimmy Jenkins by Family
 11:00 am * People of the Parish

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
 those called to eternal life this past week

JEAN QUIGLEY & MARIE THERESA BRIGHT

May God welcome them into his heavenly kingdom and hold them in his arms of peace. We offer our sympathy to their family and friends.

**Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011**

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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LITURGICAL ROLES

DECEMBER 31/JANUARY 1

**Saturday, Dec. 31-4pm Mass – Mary, Mother of God –
New Year's Eve**

Lector: Teresa Fritz

Hospitality: Tom Smith, Larry Denoyer, Bev Emme,
 Madge Power

Eucharistic Ministers: Vicki Burgener, Len Burgener,
 Mary Kay Pittman, Dave Berg, Sr. Charmaine Kribs, **1 volunteer needed**

Altar Servers: John & Gabrielle Leriger, Alexis Mazzuchi

**Sunday, Jan. 1-7:30 am Mass – Mary, Mother of God –
New Year's Day**

Lector: Gert Auberry

Hospitality: Ray Denoyer, Alyssa Mayhood, Jim Brosseau,
1 volunteer needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Burr, **4 volunteers needed**

**Sunday, Jan. 1-9 am Mass – Mary, Mother
of God – New Year's Day**

Lector: Marla Gash

Hospitality: Regina LaFontaine, Robert LaFontaine, Dick
 Jenkins, Margaret Bullock

Eucharistic Ministers: Marla Gash, Joan Busted, Caroline
 L'Ecuyer, James L'Ecuyer, **3 volunteers needed**

Altar Servers: Sydney LaMontagne, Mya LaMontagne, **1
 volunteer needed**

**Sunday, Jan. 1-11am Mass – Mary, Mother of God –
New Year's Day**

Lector: Jan St. John

Hospitality: Tom Smith, **4 volunteers needed**

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Denise Glazik, Sr. Inga Frank,
 Melanie Richards, Chuck Richards, Melissa Marcotte, **2 volun-
 teers needed**

Altar Servers: Liam Crowley, Mia Crowley, **1 volunteer needed**

**If you are interested in serving at any of the open needed
 areas during the New Year's Masses, please sign up on the
 sheets at the back of church, contact Jennifer Hoge via email
jhoge@stjosephbradley.org or sign up through the Liturgical
 Ministries Web Terminal on St. Joe's Website.**

STEWARDSHIP

We again celebrate anew the birth of Jesus. He is the Son of
 God, the Word of God, through Whom all things were created.
 He is the true Light of the world, becoming one of us to dispel the
 darkness of sin and evil, and to win our salvation. Let us rejoice
 in the Lord and be glad.

Contributions for the weekend of Dec. 17/18

\$11,691.65

4:00 pm: \$4,766.65

7:30 pm: \$1,759.00

9:00 am: \$2,633.00

11:00 am: \$2,533.00

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Thank you for worshipping with us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. We certainly hope you have a great Christmas experience with family and friends. During this busy holiday season, we hope you find an opportunity to bless yourselves by taking some time to gratefully reflect on God's love in our lives.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.
Sincerely,
Fr. Tony, Fr. John and Staff of St. Joseph Parish

Kankakee/Grundy Deanery presents its **Joy in January CCW banquet** on January 7, 2012 at the Kankakee Country Club with registration at 11 am and dinner at 12 noon. The cost is \$19.00. Call Teresa Fritz at 932-6909 by January 2 if you plan to attend.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

Italian Beef Luncheon sponsored by St. Joseph Holy Name Society on Sunday, January 15 in the parish hall from 10 am to 2 pm. If you came last time you know it's delicious!! See you then.



New Year's Mass Schedule



Dec. 31st (Saturday) and Jan. 1st (Sunday)

Normal mass schedule

4:00/7:30/9:00/11:00

We wish all of you and your families a very merry Christmas. We thank you for your support throughout the year. No Manna sold Christmas or New Year's.
-The Manna group

Beacon in the Bulletin

Event brightens holidays

Those involved in the monthly Persons with Disabilities Mass at St. Joseph Parish (left to right-front row), Kathy Storer and Fran Crews, (left to right-back row) Lorraine Baron, Theresa Ciaccio, Father John Antczak, Brenda Blankestyn and Mike Storer take a photo following the PWD Christmas Mass and social gathering Dec. 4 in the parish hall. Visitors participated in Mass and then ate lunch, received Christmas presents and sang carols with Father Tony and the PWD volunteers. It was really a special time for all those who came to this event.

The Mass and social are held each month. Father John handles the scheduling of priests to celebrate Mass and the volunteers plan the social. **Many thanks to parishioners who donated Christmas presents and the Knights of Columbus for helping finance the Christmas party!**



Toy sale helps family at Christmas

Linda Leroy's fourth grade class at St. Joseph School in Bradley invited the student body to join them in bringing used toys to their classroom for a special project. After sorting through the donations, the fourth graders held a toy sale Dec. 5. They raised

more than \$500. On Dec. 15, the kids gave the proceeds to Father Tony Nugent, parish pastor, and asked him to give the money to someone in need. He applauded their efforts and told them the funds would help parents buy presents for their children this Christmas. "I want you to know how happy you are going to make some people feel by this gift," he told the students.

Our Faith Story

Third graders in Chrissie Nojd's Religious Education class create Advent wreaths during class. This year's RE theme is: "We Come to Share Our Story." Throughout history, our faith has been built on the stories found in Scripture. The same faith we have chosen to share with our children.



Beacon in the Bulletin

Advent preparations and projects in the parish.....



1st Grade RE art project

First graders in Christina Robinson's Religious Education class paint crosses as part of an Advent project. Students who do not have religion classes at school attend RE from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Joseph Parish. This ministry exists to offer children a Catholic education in order to have a productive life on earth as well as to fulfill a destiny in the life to come.



Advent Prayer Tree The parish Religious Education Program collaborated with our Parish Prayer Line Ministry to offer families an opportunity to bless others during the Advent Season. The fourth grade RE class created a Prayer Tree that is decorated with many prayer requests of those within our parish and surrounding communities. It is located on the bulletin board at the entrance to the parish hall. RE and parish school families were encouraged to take a request from the tree. The idea was to hold the intention of that person or family in daily prayers during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Angel Buddies

(Left to right below) First grader Camille Crawford and eighth grader Darian DeYoung have fun and enjoy each other's company as they work to create wreaths. The thoughtful students in the two St. Joseph School grades gave the wreaths to residents of a local nursing home. (Later, in December, the first and eighth graders got together to make blankets and donate socks for patients at Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago).

The eighth graders and first graders of St. Joseph School meet periodically and work on a variety of activities throughout the year as part of the "Angel Buddies" mentoring program at St. Joseph School. Older students and their buddies also attend weekly school Masses together on Wednesday afternoons.

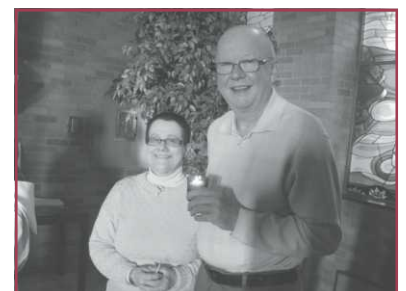
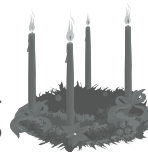
Advent Stars ... Leading the Way

Each week during Advent, the St. Joseph Drama Group acted out the roles of those who led the way to the Christ Child and told the story of the birth of Jesus from their point of view. Those who brought us back in time on the second evening, (left to right) Melissa Marcotte: reader, Brian Zasada: Inn Keeper, Melanie Richards: Inn Keeper's Wife, Mike Storer: a Shepherd and Sr. Denise Glazik: reader.



Advent wreath.....Beautiful parish tradition

(Pictured above) Chuck & Melanie Richards are lighting the appropriate candle for the week in the church Advent wreath. Several families volunteered to participate in this special gathering ritual during Advent. (Right) Mike & Diane Ely prepare to take their turn before the Sunday liturgy. Parishoner participation is at the heart of liturgical collaboration.. We all worship as the family of God.



Beacon in the Bulletin *continued*

LOTS OF SPECIAL HAPPENINGS AT LITURGY

Our liturgical ministers serve the people of God

Thank you so much to all who step out of their comfort zones and serve in Liturgical Ministries at St. Joseph's. You are an invaluable part of our worship experience. (Thank you to those who have taken the time to learn to use our Web Terminal. It has made such a great difference in scheduling. All of your ongoing contributions are appreciated.



Our Young People as Sacristans

A group of junior high students at St. Joseph School serve as sacristans for school liturgies. They are taking ownership of the school Mass and trying to make it a wonderful experience for those gathered for these weekly celebrations. The hope is they will continue in liturgical ministry after graduating from grade school.



(Left to right) Kobe Shutter, Allyson Peters, Nicholas Schwengler & Nickolas Marian help Fr Tony prepare for Mass.



CONFIRMANDI BLESSING



(Pictured) Those who will be confirmed next spring

2012 commit themselves to prayer and study during the Rite of Enrollment Nov. 6 at the 11 a.m. Mass. This began the time of preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Home Mass

Parishioners Rob and Kelley Eakins invited Fr. Tony to celebrate Mass in their home Nov. 15 with their friends and family. It was a special experience of prayer with a social gathering afterward.



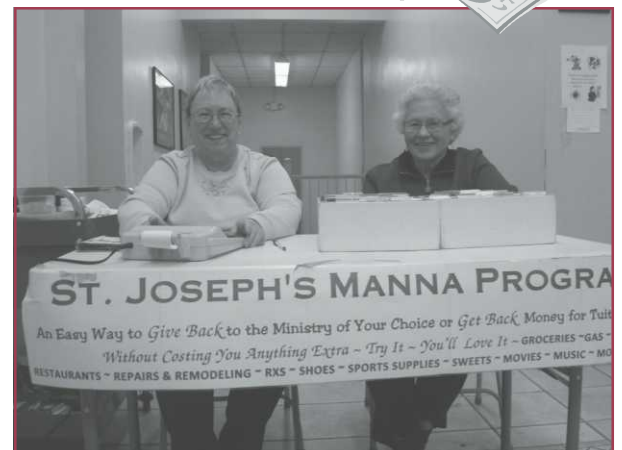
Guitar Accompaniment by Jacob

(Left) Fifth grader Jacob Vaughn helps the school choir raise the roof with praise to God during school liturgies. Mass with the St. Joseph students is celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the church. All are welcome to attend these powerful and lively celebrations of our faith!



Manna volunteers busy, busy, busy

(Left to right) Gert Auberry and Margaret Bullock work a Manna shift at St. Joseph School. About 10 dedicated parishioners operate the Manna program. After the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses and from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, the teams sell gift cards for local and out-of-town restaurants and retailers at the main doors of St. Joseph School. Each of the participating businesses offers gift cards at a discount. The Manna group then sells the cards at face value. Half of the discounted percentage goes to a ministry designated by the buyer and the remainder goes to a general parish fund. When school families purchase Manna Gift Cards, half of the discount goes toward tuition. People pick up blank order forms at the main church doors and some download them at www.stjosephbradley.org. Our Manna volunteers are especially busy at this time of year!!



Teaching Masses

(Left to right below) Parishioner Anita Lovell, Father Tony Nugent, pastor, Sister Mary Ann Hettel, school principal, and parishioner Audrey Davis look over some of the new Mass changes on the cards for the pews following a Teaching Mass at St. Joseph’s. The parish offered these liturgy “refreshers” and introduced many of the changes during the Teaching Masses, which were celebrated over two weekends in October 2011.

Changes have been made to the prayers and hymns of the Mass to more closely reflect the original Latin, which was translated into English in the 1960s. The use of this new translation will help make the wording more consistent across the globe.

Let’s take a look at some of the most obvious changes in the prayers at Mass. When the priest or deacon now states, “The Lord be with you,” the assembly now responds, “And with your Spirit.” Changing the response back to the original is intended to elevate the greeting. It’s a way for the faithful to acknowledge the presence of Christ’s Spirit in the priest or deacon in a unique way by virtue of his ordination. The statement made by the priest and the response are meant to convey there is something else going on here ... something powerful. The Spirit is here. The Lord is here. We gather in that Spirit to develop that Spirit.

What on earth does “consubstantial with the Father” mean? We now say this as we profess our faith, reciting the Nicene Creed. Since God creates and sustains all that exists, everything in some sense can be said to be “one in being with the Father.” Catholic faith holds that each of the three Divine Persons of the Trinity share one and the same divine nature or substance. So today, the Church again confesses this belief in the English version of our Creed that Jesus Christ is “consubstantial with the Father.”

Want to start an interesting conversation? Ask a few cradle Catholics what they think about the response, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof ...” In the eighth chapter of Matthew, Jesus encounters a centurion soldier who shows incredible faith as he asks our Lord to heal his servant. The centurion said to Jesus, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof;

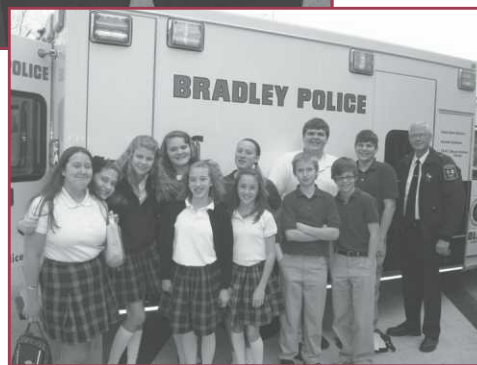
only say the word and my servant will be healed.” The new translation restores the original significance of the text—the miraculous coming of the risen Christ into our personal homes, into our bodies, hearts and souls in mercy and grace.

When the Mass was translated into English in the 1960s, a more conversational version was given to the people. The hope of re-introducing this more formal style (that closely aligns with the Catholic liturgy throughout the world) is that it will help create more reverence for the sacred celebration of the Eucharist. Another result could be a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Mass itself. So research these changes, do a Google search for “consubstantial,” find out the meaning of “hosts” (not the bread or people having a party). And, maybe pass your findings on to your friends, family and fellow church goers!



Donuts for a cause

The Student Leadership Council of St. Joseph School held a donut sale Dec. 6 in the parish hall. They raised \$170. The money was raised for a parish family in need this holiday season. The donut sale proceeds were added to the \$502 the fourth grade class earned during their recent Toy Sale. Congratulations, students, and thank you for your kindness!



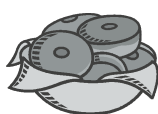
Making responsible decisions ...

On Nov. 21, the eighth graders of St. Joseph School made presentations on the effects of alcohol abuse. The idea was to raise awareness among students, faculty, parish leaders, citizens and community officials. (Pictured) A group of eighth graders meet and talk with Bradley Police Chief Steven Coy.



Grateful gentlemen

Members of the St. Joe Holy Name Society thanked parishioners for their support with free coffee and donuts after 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses Dec. 11 in the parish hall. The Holy Name does various projects and holds fundraisers throughout the year to improve the parish. They meet the first Sunday of the month after the 9 am Mass.





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