

*Sunday, December 12, 2021*  
*3rd Sunday of Advent*

‡ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ‡

Mon. Dec. 13 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
Tue. Dec. 14 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Dec. 15 8:05 am Eulalia Kocher;  
Albert, Clara &  
RoseEllen Hahn**  
Thu. Dec. 16 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Sat. Dec. 18 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Francis & Hermina  
Zuber;  
Louis, Victor &  
Patricia Zwilling;  
Linda Gumble**  
**Sun. Dec. 19 8:00 am Leona Schafer;  
Margaret M. Kocher**  
8:00 am (at Stringtown)  
10:00 am (at Wendelin)  
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Family Hair Care (Betty Slover)  
Missalettes: Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes

**OUR TITHES FOR DECEMBER 5**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$12,360 (99) Outreach: \$58  
Guatemala: \$472 (27) Flowers: \$975 (42)  
C.C.H.D.: \$105 (2)

**~ Kudos ~**

\* To newly baptized *Ruby Rae Jennings* and *Evan Emery Jennings*, children of Patrick and Jessica (Bahl) Jennings.  
\* To *Verneatha Kessler*, who will celebrate her 101st birthday on December 14.  
\* To *Jeanne Dehlinger*, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on December 19.

**\* AROUND OUR PARISH \***

**Wednesday, December 15**

• Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!

• Bulletin deadline, 3 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

**Saturday, December 18 / Sunday, December 19**

• The annual Cookie Walk will be held after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. The Cookie Walk will consist of containers prepackaged with homemade cookies. We will have small containers with approximately ½ dozen cookies (\$5), medium containers with approximately 1 ½ dozen cookies (\$10), a large tray with 3 dozen cookies (\$15), and a large tray with 4 dozen cookies (\$20) - limited quantity, call or text ahead to reserve (618-599-5963). We are requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 17 in the multi-purpose room during school hours, and on December 18 between 8 AM and 10 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).

Looking ahead to the upcoming Holiday Season, please remember, **THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE REQUIRES ALL PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS TO WEAR A MASK.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24**

\* **4:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**  
\* 4:00 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville  
\* 6:00 PM at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
\* **8:00 PM at St. Joseph-Olney**  
\* 9:00 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25**

\* **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
\* 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
\* 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
\* 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Sunday, December 26**

\* **8:00 am at St. Joseph-Olney**  
\* 8:00 am at St. Joseph-Stringtown  
\* 10:00 am at Holy Cross-Wendelin  
\* 10:00 am at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**St. Joseph School Notes**

**Monday, December 13**

• Join us at the ball game, 6 PM, and see the boys play and listen to our pep band.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 / Wednesday, Dec. 15**

• Advent Reconciliation services for our students.

**Wednesday, December 15**

• School Mass, 8:05 AM (1st). Stewardship envelopes at School Mass.

**Thursday, December 16**

• 8th grade night at the girls' basketball game.

\* Thanks to Mischelle Doll and the many volunteers who helped make Santa's Workshop a success for our students again this year.

\* 2022 Benefit Calendars are here. The price is \$20. Total payout is \$8,500. Calendars are for sale at the School Office, the Parish Office or by calling Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391).

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

December 6: Kerry Mart (#013)  
December 7: Carrie Hallam (#394)  
December 8: Jill Eagleson (#067)  
December 9: Jackie Snider (#693)  
December 10: Nick Kuhl (#717)

**Let Us Pray for:** Mike Dowty, Sondra Geiger, Frank Ginder, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Fr. Vincent Haselhorst, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer, Tony Tredway, Kurt Wengert and Clara Wilson.

*Please call or email the Parish Office to add your name to the Prayer List. Unless notified to extend, the listing in the bulletin will be for four weeks.*

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

+ J.O.Y.S.+

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

This is the time of expectation, longing, and holy waiting. A time to be drawn closer to the purest and most perfect of Love. A Love that transcends and is waiting to be born, waiting in the first tabernacle. This tabernacle is the womb of Mary, his Mother-our Mother! Mary journeys onward in expectation, longing, and holy waiting! Are you sharing in the same journey as our Mother? Join with Her and begin this day journeying towards the stable where Love is born. There are many stops along the way-*stop and share in the wonder and awe of our God.* Journey with Mary this Advent and you too will experience a birthing of joy in your heart, and in your soul. The Whole World is Waiting on Love- can you wait? Light your third candle- pink for Gaudete Sunday - Joy Full Sunday! - and journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and Mary! Be Joyful, Mary! He is coming soon! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** The deadline is Monday, December 13 to make any changes for the January and February schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule.

**Christmas Flower Memorials:** Please use the envelope labeled 'Christmas Flower Offering' included in your December packet. Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase the flowers to decorate our church. On the reverse side of the envelope, please print clearly the person the memorial is for. A list of the memorials will be published at a later date.

**Volunteer Now!** Lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), greeters, ushers and gift-bearers are needed for the Christmas Eve Masses, Christmas Day Mass and New Year's Eve Mass. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help at the Mass you plan to attend.

**Giving Tree:** This Advent, our parish again has the opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with our less fortunate neighbors by supporting our Giving Tree. You may choose one (or more) ornaments from the baskets by the doors, purchase and wrap the requested gift, place the sticker from the ornament on the package for identification, then place the ornament on the tree and the gift under the tree. The gifts will be delivered during Christmas week to the families whose Christmas would be very bleak without your caring. For more information, call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151).

**Thank you** to all the volunteers and students that helped this week at Good Samaritan.

~ **Welcome New Members to Our Parish** ~  
Ashley Travous family

**Help aging religious.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others- educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.

**We are now accepting mass intentions through June 30, 2022.** With the mass schedule spread across the four parishes of our partnership, it is important that we follow Canon Law and Diocesan Policy concerning mass intentions: Only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the

parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e., John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e., Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention. We can accept up to three Mass offerings per mass.

*Zephaniah 3:14-18a. Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.  
Philippians 4:4-7. Luke 3:10-18.*

**Exhorting and Expecting.** Even in these troubled times, we are urged to rejoice this day, this week, this season. The question posed by nearly everyone to John the Baptist – What should we do? – is also our question. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord is near. While we actively wait for Jesus Christ to come again, we are told to be merciful and just.

- \* What in my closet can be given to clothe someone in need?
- \* What actions in my job or my retirement can be fairer and more just?
- \* What words from my mouth will speak only truth?

**2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Faith Formation to impact the lives of almost 11,000 students at 26 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2021 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Thursday December 16:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

**Sunday December 26:** K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM before St. Joseph-Olney Mass.

**Kudos** to the Steve Kuenstler family members for the preparation of the Family Christmas Dinner with approximately 52 in attendance! Special thanks to Santa's Helper, Steve Tibbs!

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
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'Renewing the Vision'  
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~ **Mission Statement** ~

St. Joseph Parish family is a community of believers rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Using the individual gifts, we have been given by God, we minister to ourselves and others through prayer, support, and service. We nurture our inherited faith life and through the power of the Spirit pass it to future generations.

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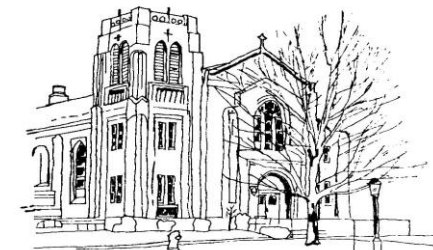
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~ **Sacraments** ~

Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.  
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM or contact the Parish Office.  
Marriage: Call no later than 6 months in advance.  
Anointing of the Sick: Any time of need.



~ **Welcome, New Parishioners** ~

Please register as soon as you move into our parish. Call the Parish Office (392-8181) to receive a new member packet.  
(If you are not receiving church offering envelopes, you are not properly registered.)

~ **St. Joseph School** ~

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School Board: Lora Kocher (*Chairperson - Stringtown Representative*) Christy Blank, Kathy Davis, Shanna Ginder, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Angel Padilla, Sara Peavler, Tammy Rudolphi (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*)