

Sunday, July 4, 2021
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. June 5 No Mass
Tue. July 6 No Mass
Wed. July 7 8:00am Special Intention
Thu. July 8 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. July 10 2:00PM Leah Shan and Joshua Wollin Wedding
4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM For the Parish
Sun. July 11 8:00am Ted Eagleson, Sr., Luphenous Eagleson, Marjorie Piercefield
8:00am (at Stringtown)
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Edward Jones- Rob David
Missalettes: Ochs Plumbing and Heating

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross** to **84576** to get connected.

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Monday, July 5

- The Parish Office is closed

Wednesday, July 7

- Rosary, after Mass. Please join us!
- Good Samaritan, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.
- Bulletin deadline, 3:00 PM. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, July 9

- Good Samaritan, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.
- Finance Council, 12:00 PM (Noon).

🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

School Office Hours Week of July 5th:
Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

St. Joseph School is excited to announce that Empower IL scholarships will help 9 families and their fifteen students next year!

Registration Dates:
July 19th and July 20th 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM.
We have 263 committed Preschool-8th grade students for 2021-22!

Please call before coming as we have limited staffing in the summer.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

June 28: Mary Getty (#412)
June 29: Nina Ginder (#392)
June 30: Steve & Donna Kuenstler (#510)
July 1: Nick & Elizabeth Amerman (#488)
July 2: Peyton Peavler (#141)

Let Us Pray For: Sarah Brian, Cindy Foerster, Loren Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Joe Hunt, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Deana Schafer and Kurt Wengert.

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

We celebrate Independence and Freedom this weekend, but do we remember why we celebrate? We *should* celebrate and remember that long ago our nation was

founded upon Godly principles- all people are created equal, and the belief of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is for all. This is good, that we should live with Thankfulness- Gratitude- Respect- Integrity- Honor... Freedom is a privilege! However, there is no True Freedom without God! There is a constant and invading threat to freedom- our personal freedom- and that is Sin. It is easy to see when the line to get Ice cream takes forty-five minutes and we wait... *but to spend time in prayer or waiting in line for confession or to eagerly desiring the Most Sacred Body and Blood... is forgotten.* We have forgotten the Creator- the one who is the Giver of True Freedom-Life Eternal! This Fourth of July- enjoy the food, fun, and fireworks- but make certain that GOD is first in your Thanks- and Offerings of Gratitude for the Freedom to love, serve, and know Him! Live a Life of True Freedom found only with God- and only here will true liberty and happiness be found. *St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S

Celebration of the Liturgy: Liturgical ministers may resume full participation in Mass and the liturgies regardless of age. We need your help! We are compiling a new list of Liturgical Ministers as we resume full participation in Mass. Please prayerfully consider assisting at Mass in the various ministries. Please contact the parish office (392-8181) or send an email (stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com) if you are interested in serving our church family as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Usher, Greeter or Gift Bearer. We will offer training. There is a minister sign-up sheet for the July Masses in the church foyer. Please volunteer!

We are now accepting mass intentions through August 29, 2021. With the mass schedule spread across the three 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.

CYM (High School) Softball, every Monday night at 7:00 PM at the ball field at Holy Cross-Wendelin. All incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors are welcome.

*Ezekiel 2:2-5. Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4. 2
Corinthians 12:7-10. Mark 6:1-6.*

Hometown and Country. In the gospel today, Jesus astonishes the hometown folks who then poke fun at him. Jesus, however, still did what he could by preaching and healing a few. Even when things seem not to go right, we still embrace our town folk and our country. Here is prayer for this Independence Day in the USA.

*Father of all nations and ages,
we recall the day when our country
claimed its place among the family of nations.
for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
for the work that remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples to be
one nation, grant that, under your providence, our
country may share your blessings with all the
peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

Excerpt from *The Roman Missal*, © 2020, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Respect Life Corner- *“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet.”* In the Frist Reading from Ezekiel 2:2-5, Ezekiel, the prophet, is heavily tasked with carrying God’s message of repentance to the Israelites, “hard of face and obstinate of heart.” As a biblical prophet, Ezekiel was deemed a spokesperson for God, who called His people to return to the covenant and work for justice for the poor and the outcast. Ezekiel firmly spoke for God, but with an invitation to return. His vocation was like “sitting among scorpions.”

Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-When have you had a have a difficult conversation with a loved one or friend? Maybe it has been to explain the truth about abortion? Or to discuss with town leaders’ ways to support those who have been trafficked, now living in your community? By praying over the situation and acknowledging our weaknesses, we open ourselves to Christ’s grace which is sufficient for us. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we go forth, sharing God’s message of love and solidarity with those in need, as we work to inspire action and change just as Ezekiel did.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Thurs. July 8: 3rd Degree meeting, 7:00 PM.
Thurs. July 15: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

Sunday, July 25: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM. before Mass at St. Joseph Olney.

St. Joseph Stringtown Picnic will be Sunday, July 18 with one of the stands being the Basket Raffle. Tickets for this raffle will be \$1 each. Watch for the 24-theme basket pictures and write-ups on the “St. Joseph Picnic” Event Page on Facebook and the St. Joseph Catholic Church Stringtown Facebook Page. Presale tickets are now available for these baskets by contacting Mona Kocher at 618-843-6662 (call/text).

Parish & Family Life Committee would like to Thank everyone who donated money, cards, flags, punch & Little Debbie Snack cakes for our Fourth of July project for the area nursing homes. We had such a generous response from our church, school & community. We were able to donate to all our area Nursing homes & assisted living facilities, Cardinal Mound, Sunshine Village, East Fork Apartments, as well as the Veteran’s at Heritage Shelter Care in Hutsonville. Thanks to all of you & your generosity, many residents will be able to celebrate our Nation’s Independence Day a little better.

Year of St. Joseph
St. Joseph pray for us!



St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
✠
‘Renewing the Vision’
July 4, 2021
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 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.

Websitewww.stjosephchurcholney.com

Very Rev. Fr. Mark Stec, V.F..... Pastor
Fr. Mark’s Cell618-841-7324
E-mail..... mstec88@msn.com

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate
Caroline’s Cell618-263-7106
E-mail..... CtrimblePA@gmail.com

Kim Kocher Administrative Assistant
Parish Office.....392-8181

E-mail.....stjosephchurch_olney@yahoo.com

Jeffrey Rosenberg Trustee
Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

Pastoral Council: Kurt Ginder, Jane Kocher,
Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Vicki Stuckey, Matthew Zuber

~ 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 ~
Carol PotterPrincipal
Kristen Eagleson.....Administrative Assistant
School Office 395-3081
E-mail..... office@stjoeolney.com
Websitewww.stjoeolney.com
FAX..... 395-8500

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