

Sunday, May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

† Eucharistic Celebrations †

Mon. May 15 No Mass
Tue. May 16 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. May 17 8:15 am For the Graduates
Thu. May 18 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. May 19 8:00 am Special Intention
Sat. May 20 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Cathy McDowell;
Katie Hahn;
Deceased members
of the Kuenstler and
Rohr families
Sun. May 21 8:00 am Jim Kuenstler;
Mary Sheridan;
Helen Hoffman
8:00 am (at Stringtown)
10:00 am (at Wendelin)
10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler family
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

OUR TITHES FOR MAY 7

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,233 (82) Outreach: \$190
Guatemala: \$307 (16)
Seminarian Education: \$610 (14)

~ Kudos ~

- ◆ To all our mothers on this Mother's Day!
- ◆ To newly baptized *Rhett Alexander Steber*, child of Corey and Emily (Davis) Steber.
- ◆ To *Carl Frohning*, who will celebrate his 92nd birthday on May 15. Happy birthday!

* AROUND OUR PARISHES *

Monday, May 15

- 1:30 PM, Personnel Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

- **Rosary, after Mass.**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- **7 PM, School Graduation.**

Thursday, May 25

- **2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.**

Saturday, May 27 / Sunday, May 28

- **Graduation Recognition Mass.**

St. Joseph School Notes

Monday, May 15 -Thursday, May 18

- Last week of School.

Tuesday, May 16

- Last Day for Tuesday/Thursday preschoolers.

Wednesday, May 17

- Graduation Mass, 8:15 AM.
- Preschool Promotion, 11 AM. Last day for preschoolers.
- Graduation Ceremony, 7 PM, in the courtyard.

Thursday, May 18

- Last Day for K-7.
- Field Day, 11 AM dismissal. No lunch or bus service at 11 AM.

Kudos...*Jeffrey Rosenberg for organizing our honors and awards for the students and staff. *Cindy Peters for 11 years of service. *Beth Kinkade for 21 years of service. *Marcia Horstmeyer for 38 years of service. *Bobbi Ginder and Mandie Bower for organizing Teacher Appreciation Week. *Mike & Sarah Stevens for coaching a very successful track season. *Carl Sager for joining us at St. Joseph School. *Wayne Kocher for sharing his sound system equipment with us. *Jennifer Cummins-Zuber and Samantha Foust for creating a beautiful quilt for Mrs. Horstmeyer.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

May 1: Rosemary Frohning (#558)
May 2: Cathy Bunn (#082)
May 3: Mary Morris (#608)
May 4: Stephen Klingler (#748)
May 5: Beth Shan (#681)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Sarah Kocher, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.
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.

FROM FR. MARK: We have just heard Jesus preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer walk with them.

He promises: "I will not leave you orphans." The Father will send them and us another Advocate (the Spirit) who will be with us always. When the Spirit comes to us, we will realize that we have a most intimate relationship with our God: Jesus is in the Father, and we are in Jesus and he is in us.

We are loved to the point of sharing in the life and love of God through Jesus' death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is telling us such good news!

We heard Jesus ask us to learn from him that love and obedience are one. The person who loves Jesus is the person who observes the commandments given by the Father. Knowing that we are loved so greatly leads us to trust in the one who commands us to love.

Peter tells us: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." Let Jesus live in us and fill us with his love. Jesus is the foundation of our hope. Knowing who lives in us makes us ready to explain the reason for our hope with gentleness and reverence.

Sometimes we may be misunderstood and have to suffer for our trust in Jesus – suffer for

doing good. When that happens, we must willingly join our suffering to that of Jesus who suffered for our sins so that he could lead us to our God.

As we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and look forward to celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us remember how closely we are united to Jesus. Let us renew our commitment to letting Jesus live more fully in us. Then let us gently and reverently share with others the reason for our hope.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

Here is a simple question to ask and ponder: *If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there?* This month offers so many *extra* moments to show our gratitude and love for one another. We honor Mothers, Graduates, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and numerous other moments. These moments are often filled with the people we love and cherish with sharing of food, bursts of laughter, and love filling the air. *How grateful are you for these moments? People? God?* We are graced with this moment- *this present moment*- but we are not promised tomorrow. Embrace the moments and live a life of love with *your words, thoughts, actions, and prayers*. A life of love is a life that is of God and with God. *If you woke up today with the things you were grateful for yesterday, who or what would be there?* Be Grateful! Be Blessed! Love one another! Pray for one another! And Keep to the J.O.Y.S. *Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!*

May is the month for our annual St. Joseph Cemetery Fund collection. Please consider giving to help with mowing expenses and general maintenance. You can give in the envelope provided with the May packet or put your contribution in an envelope marked "Cemetery Fund". ***Please write out your check to "St. Joseph Cemetery Fund"***. We appreciate your help in

making sure our cemetery remains one of the best kept in the area.

Annual Baby Bottle Project (BBP): This weekend, the Parish and Family Life Committee is asking each family to take a baby bottle home and fill it with your extra pocket change or dollars from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Then bring your baby bottle back to church to be collected. The proceeds will be donated to the Family Life Center in Effingham for the continuation of its pro-life ministry. This fundraiser provides an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in supporting pro-life efforts. Your change can change a life!

Memorial Day Prayer and Cemetery Blessing, at each of our Catholic Cemeteries on Sunday, May 28. The priest, deacons and ministers will be present to honor not only our deceased military service men and women, but all our dead. Join us at one of our Catholic Cemeteries after our Sunday mass. St. Joseph-Stringtown and St. Joseph-Olney at 9:15 AM; Holy Cross-Wendelin at 11:15 AM; and 12:30PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in St. Francisville and Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Bridgeport. These short services will occur rain or shine.

We are now accepting mass intentions through September 27, 2023. 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.

Graduation List: The list of 2023 graduates will include graduates from St. Joseph Preschool, 8th grade, high school and colleges. We have the names of preschoolers, St. Joseph School 8th graders and high school

seniors in our files, so you do not need to notify us of their names. However, graduates from any other schools and all college graduates (including OCC) must notify us in order to be included on this list. Please write down the name of the graduate and the school; and mail, email, or bring to the Parish Office. Please no phone calls. The deadline to turn in names is Wednesday, May 17. The insert will be included in our May 27 and 28 bulletin, and we will recognize our graduates at all the masses on May 27 and 28.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Thursday, May 18: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Sunday, May 28: K of C led Rosary at 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy. To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried. To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce. To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility. To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world. To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it. To those remembering Moms no longer with us. To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
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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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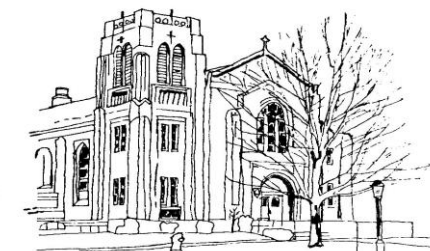
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~ Sacraments ~

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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