

Sunday, January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. Jan. 9	No Mass
Tue. Jan. 10	5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Jan. 11	8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn
Thu. Jan. 12	6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
Fri. Jan. 13	No Mass
Sat. Jan. 14	4:00 PM (at Lawrenceville) 5:00 PM Francis & Hermina Zuber; Ed & Mary Jo Zuber
Sun. Jan. 15	8:00 am Rita Hann; Loren Ginder; Jim Kuenstler 8:00 am (at Stringtown) 10:00 am (at Wendelin) 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Dale and Mary Jane Tibbs
Missalettes: Mike and Lori Uhl

OUR TITHES FOR JANUARY 1

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,643 (82) Outreach: \$100
Christmas: \$3,290 (15) 1st Offering: \$490 (43)
Guatemala: \$301 (20) Flowers: \$60 (3)
Retired Religious: \$20 (1)
Collection for Needy: \$160 (3)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Monday, January 9

- 10 AM, College of Consultor Meeting in Belleville
- 11 AM, Presbyterial Council Meeting in Belleville

Tuesday, January 10

- 5:30 PM, Finance Meeting at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville
- 6 PM, Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, January 11

- **Rosary after Mass.**
- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**
- 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, January 12

- 7:15 PM, Finance Meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Friday, January 13

- **12 PM (Noon), Finance Council**
- 7 PM, Euchre Tournament at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Sunday, January 15

- 10 AM, CYM assisting at Holy Cross-Wendelin Mass
- 10 AM, Baptism at Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin
- 11 AM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, January 16

- **Parish Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Tuesday, January 17

- 5:30 PM, Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

Wednesday, January 11

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (1st-Horstmeyer)
- Freshman Orientation for our 8th grade students, 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Friday, January 13

- Camp Ondessonk Presentations for grades 2-8

* Please turn in all sold and unsold 2023 St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars. The drawing begins Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

* If you want to reduce your IL state tax burden and support the school, you can learn more about Empower IL to provide much-needed scholarships. Tax credits for 2023 can be reserved today by following these easy steps:

1) Log on to mytax.illinois.gov. 2) Click on "View More Account Options." 3) Click on "Contribute to Invest in Kids" under Account Options. 4) Click the checkbox to certify you are taking a state tax credit and click "Next." 5) Check "Invest in Kids Region" and click the blue "Next" button in the bottom right corner. 6) Complete the requested information, including selecting Empower Illinois as your Scholarship Granting Organization, and click "Submit" 7) Check your inbox for an email from the Illinois Department of Revenue with a PDF of your tax credit. 8) Visit the [Empower Illinois website](http://EmpowerIllinois.org) where our donation wizard will help you through the remaining steps.

Families who want to apply for Empower IL scholarships to attend St. Joseph School can go to empowerillinois.org to reserve a scholarship - starting January 18 at 7 PM.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

December 25: Ken Ochs (#182) **\$500**
December 26: Sadie & Luke Kocher (#718)
December 27: Carmen Rodriguez (#042)
December 28: Ryan Fehrenbacher (#530)
December 29: Jaye Fehrenbacher (#498)
December 30: Chris Borah (#558)
December 31: Debby Zuber (#442) **\$500**

Prayer List: All the names have been removed from the Prayer List. 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:

Fr. Felix has returned home to spend the next 6 weeks with his family and friends and to reconnect with his Bishop and the clergy of his home Archdiocese of Onitsha, Nigeria. While Fr. Felix is away, our parishes are blessed to have the assistance of our Saturday/Sunday masses of Fr. William Spencer, OFM. He is a Franciscan priest

of the Sacred Heart Province (St. Louis, Missouri). Please welcome Fr. William.

Our Christmas Season has drawn to a close.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Traditionally celebrated on Jan. 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas, the feast is transferred to the Sunday between Jan. 2-8 in the United States, however. In commemoration of Christ's manifestation to the Magi — who represent how Christ came to save all mankind, not just the Jews — this feast celebrates how Christ's identity is revealed, as is summed up in the gifts the Three Kings presented him. The gold and frankincense they gave Christ represent his status as king of the universe, the deity worthy of our true worship. And the myrrh tells of the bitter reality that the babe in the manger was born to die.

Tomorrow, Monday, January 9, The Christmas season ends with the Feast Lord's Baptism, which falls on the Sunday after the Epiphany. (That is, unless the Epiphany falls on Jan. 7 or 8, when it then is celebrated on the following day, a Monday, which is the case this year of 2023.) This feast commemorates the day on which Christ formally accepts his mission as the redeemer when he receives St. John the Baptist's baptism of conversion and repentance. He sets out from the waters of the Jordan, identified as God's own son by the Father's voice that resounded from the opened sky, and inaugurates his saving work as the long-awaited Messiah who will free us of our sins.

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners

Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

A Star guided the Magi to the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. What Star is guiding you this New Year? What will you find once you reach the Star? Will it be life-giving, fruitful and "of God" or prideful and "of the world"? The moment of your Epiphany is closer than you might think! Seek to be guided by the One True Star for it is there where you will find your *life of love*! Journey onward this New Year, being guided by the Star to Peace and Love! Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Can you help? We are in need of someone to assist at the upcoming American Red Cross blood drives. You would be responsible in helping the Red Cross workers to enter the building and also lock up the building when finished, help to check in people at the door, and help pass out the snacks. Thanks to Stacey Steber, who will still be responsible for arranging the blood drive dates and times. The next blood drive dates are on February 16 and May 25. If we do not find someone to assist, we will not be able to hold blood drives here any longer. Please contact Stacey Steber (618-843-6780) to volunteer or for more information.

CYM Spaghetti Lunch is set for Sunday, February 19 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and desserts. Donations only. There will also be a basket/dessert raffle. Everyone welcome!

Adult Faith Formation at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville begins on Tuesday, January 10 following the 5 PM mass. For many Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. But the truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls, is far more strange and beautiful.

A one-day PreCana will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Sainte Marie on March 11, 2023. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes meal and materials. If you would like to attend, please see our website at: www.stemariechurch.org and find the Registration Form, or call St. Mary's Parish Office (618-455-3155) or email: stmarys_church@psbnewton.com to register.

2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Go and do likewise... - Luke 10:37

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

Respect Life Corner: 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. Visit: 9DAYSFORLIFE.COM (A printable version is also available online.)

Diocesan Martin Luther King Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 12:00 Noon at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison, Belleville, IL. Bishop Michael McGovern, Presiding. Message by Rev. Michael Atty, Executive Director Consultant for United Congregations of Metro-East. Featuring: Sister Thea Bowman Praise Dancers, St. Augustine of Hippo Church Choir, St. Augustine of Hippo Youth. Sponsored by Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity Committee.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Thursday January 12: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, January 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Sunday, January 29: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM before Mass.
* Volunteer Ministry at 8 AM Mass at St. Joseph-Olney, followed by a fellowship family breakfast at a local restaurant.

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208 South Elliott St.
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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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~ 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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