

*Sunday, January 12, 2025*  
*Baptism of the Lord*

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 13 6:30 PM at Stringtown  
Tue. Jan. 14 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville  
**Wed. Jan. 15 8:05 am For the Parish**  
Thu. Jan. 16 6:30 PM at Wendelin

**Sat. Jan. 18**  
4:00 PM at Wendelin  
**5:00 PM Richard & Glenda Dallmier**  
**Herman Zwilling**  
**Special Intention**

**Sun. Jan. 19**  
**8:00 am Albert, Clara, & Rose Ellen Hahn**  
**Maren Zuber**  
8:00 am at Stringtown  
10:00 am at Wendelin  
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

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**OUR JANUARY SPONSORS**

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

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**OUR TITHES FOR Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$7,685 (69) Outreach: \$137  
Guatemala: \$186 (16) First Offering: \$230 (34)  
Christmas: \$2,120 (3) Solemnity of Mary \$555 (16)

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**Let Us Pray For:** John Bower, Jane Kocher, Kevin Bookhout, Ashley Hinterscher, Jerry L. Harper, Margaret Fehrenbacher, Emery Oesch, Gene Bergbower, Luke G. Kocher, David Fehrenbacher, Marlene Harris, Don Kocher, Bessie Rossiano, Mary Rowark, Eleanor Steber, Tony Tredway, Anita Shultz, Kenneth Hann, and Ruth Zwilling. *Please call or email the Parish Office to add any new names to the Prayer List.*

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**Deepest Sympathy,** to the families of *Maren Lee Zuber* and *Judy Ann Kocher*. May they rest in the peace of God's love.

*~ AROUND OUR PARISHES ~*

**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

• Come and join your fellow parishioners for cookies and refreshments after the 5 PM mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy treats and fellowship!!

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of the Lord**

• Children's liturgy at 8 am mass.  
• Come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph, Olney. The parish committees and groups will be hosting these socials once a month after weekend masses for 2025. Don't miss these yummy donuts and fellowship!!

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

• Parish Finance Council meets at noon in meeting room B.

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

• 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.  
• OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.  
• Sisters in Christ, A New Year and our groups resume with "World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen. Venerable Sheen emphasizes the unique dignity, strength, and gifts of women and stresses mankind's need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children. Join us for the study on: January 14, Tuesday morning 10:00 am St. Joseph Stringtown Parish Hall. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate, if interested.

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

• 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B with Deacon Jack.  
• 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis meets at Holy Cross. Adult topic: New Beginnings of Life in God-Spiritual Plan Part 2. Kid Topic: CYM-Epiphany-Follow the Star.  
• Sisters in Christ, Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm Holy Cross Wendelin Parish Center Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble Pastoral

Associate, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available) Remember to have your Saint and Word for the New Year. It's a Jubilee Year, let us journey onward as Pilgrims of Hope!

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🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

- Good luck to our girls' basketball teams competing in the Belleville Diocesan Tournament this weekend!
- **Calling all Catholic School Alumni!** Join us for our annual Catholic Schools Week alumni mass on Wednesday, January 29th at 8:00 am in Olney. To be added to the list, please email your name and graduation year to [jhart@stjoeolney.com](mailto:jhart@stjoeolney.com) or call the school office at 395-3081.
- **We're also updating our alumni directory!** If you're a SJS alum and don't currently receive annual mailings from the school, please reconnect with us! Email your address to [jhart@stjoeolney.com](mailto:jhart@stjoeolney.com) or call the school office.
- **2025 Benefit Calendars are here!** St. Joseph School Benefit Calendars are available in the school office! Calendars are \$25 each and provide 257 daily chances to win \$25 & 4 opportunities to win \$500! Get yours today! We will not draw until the last week of January (so you still have time to win).

**CALENDAR WINNERS**

Dec. 30: (\$25) Natalie Ellison (#375)  
Dec. 31: (\$500) Sara Kuentler (#170)

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*~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~*

- **January 16<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting at 7 PM.
- **January 26<sup>th</sup>:** The Knights lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.

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*~ PARISH NEWS ~*

- **Thank you** to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2025 calendars. There are still several calendars available at the doors.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**  
**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

We continue the journey into this New Year that is filled with Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. It is up to each one of us to spread that Light of Christ. Our Gospel today, reverberates the ongoing message with the words- we should all long to hear from our Lord's mouth ... *with you I am well pleased!* Do you live (really) a life that would merit these words? Take a moment and reflect upon how you treat other people- respond to others-spend your time-etc.? How much time are you spending with God? Are you caught up in the drama and fear of this world? Take a new step- seek a fresh outlook- *Begin Again-* and start your day living a life pleasing to God. Spread Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in everything you do- it's not just an Advent message! Live this Jubilee year as a Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

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*~ DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS ~*

**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
*Serve the Lord with gladness*  
*-Psalm 100*

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.

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**Make *The Messenger* a part of your New Year's Resolution!** *The Messenger* brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois. Subscribe to ***The Messenger*** at **618-233-8670**. To subscribe online go to [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

**Respect Life Corner: Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

**Vocation Corner: Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

“Though I was raised in a Catholic family and blessed with good priests throughout my life, the priesthood did not attract me when I was young. In fact, during college, I didn’t even practice the faith. The Lord eventually led me back to the Church, and when he began to call me to the priesthood, I was both terrified and excited. He was asking me to sacrifice my will and to trust and follow him. This meant breaking up with the girl I was dating and placing my desires for fatherhood and family into his hands. Had I been called when I was younger, I wouldn’t have been mature enough in my faith to answer with the generosity and trust that let me to the priesthood.”

Father Jonathan Schnobrich, Diocese of Burlington, Vt. *Columbia Magazine October 2020*

**11 Day Majestic Germany Pilgrimage!**

April 21-May 1, 2025

Hosted by Fr. R Dean Probst

For more information, please contact Fr. R Dean Probst at (217) 494-6326 or by email at [rdprobst@gmail.com](mailto:rdprobst@gmail.com)

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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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Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ **Sacraments** ~  
Baptism: Infant or adult, please contact the Parish Office.  
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:30 PM – 4:45 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.)  
Office hours: Mon. Wed. Fri. 7:30-3:00 pm

~ **St. Joseph School** ~  
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