

Sunday, May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. May 9 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. May 10 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
**Wed. May 11 8:05 am Ralph Zwilling;
Albert, Clara &
RoseEllen Hahn**
Thu. May 12 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
**Sat. May 14 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Brenda Kocher;
Jim Kuenstler**
**Sun. May 15 8:00 am Patricia Gassmann;
Nancy Deeter**
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 1

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$11,892 (83) Outreach: \$203
Guatemala: \$324 (20)
Home Missions: \$55 (2)

~ Kudos ~

- ◆ To all our mothers on this Mother's Day!
- ◆ To Loren Ginder, who will celebrate his 94th birthday on May 13. Happy birthday!
- ◆ To Carl Frohning, who will celebrate his 91st birthday on May 15. Happy birthday!

Call the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873 or TTY 1-800-358-5117) if you suspect that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed by abuse or neglect. If you believe a child is in immediate danger of harm, call 911 first.

* AROUND OUR PARISHES * Sunday, May 8- Mother's Day

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations:

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Wednesday, May 11

- Rosary, after Mass
- 9 AM-11 AM, Good Samaritan
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.

Friday, May 13

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

Monday, May 16

- 7 PM, School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

- 9 AM, Clergy Day in Mt. Vernon, Illinois
- 12 PM (Noon) Personnel Board Meeting in Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Wednesday, May 18

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

🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

Wednesday, May 11

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (3rd). Honors Mass - awards given after mass.
- Band Concert, 6:30 PM, in the gym (5th grade beginners and 6th-8th).

Friday, May 13

- 3rd Grade Author's Corner, 2 PM, in the church.

Saturday, May 14

- State Track Meet.
- Science Fair public viewing after 5 PM mass in the MPR.

Any gifts received after May 1st will be recognized in the fall newsletter. All gifts received prior to May 1st will be in the printer proof letter. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

April 25: Corey & Emily Steber (#374)
April 26: Pam Page (#423)
April 27: Carl Klingler (#220)
April 28: Josette Clodfelter (#611)
April 29: Herman Zuber (#826)

Let Us Pray For: Willy Deimel, Mike Dowty, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch, Kay Rowark, Brenda Summers, Rose (Blank) Wilkinson, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow and Ed Zuber.

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

My sheep hear My voice!

Do you hear the voice of the Shepherd or the voice of the world? Can you differentiate the two voices? The voice of the Shepherd is loving and gracious - and the voice becomes more apparent when you *spend time listening to Him*. When you listen, be still, and trust that in Him you are being transformed by His love and graciousness. The voice of the Shepherd brings about joy, peace, and love! There is a surge of graces that envelop you when you rest inside the arms of the Shepherd!

The voice of the world inundates you with noise and confusion; and your life with *things* that you crave and become addicted to. Your mind is filled with thoughts, comparisons, and judgments that leave you empty and despondent. Oh, you might feel that you are thriving- life of the party - everybody wants you - but at the end of the day which turns in to weeks, months, and years - all of that is over and done. There is no idle time with the voice of the world, there is a constant throttle to have more - do more - brag more - gossip more- and by all of that- hurt others.

The sheep who hear the voice of the Shepherd follow Him - and you were made to be HIS sheep! You are LOVED by HIM! The Shepherd wants to bring you to everlasting life in the Kingdom where peace and love abound! The voice of the world will only bring darkness and death! A Life of Love awaits - Listen to the Shepherd's voice and follow Him! *Keep to the J.O.Y.S*

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.

Graduation List: The list of 2022 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 11.* The insert will be included in our May 21 and 22 bulletin, and we will recognize our graduates at all the masses on May 21 and 22.

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

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Faith Formation to impact the lives of over 9,500 students at 25 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 2022 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

The CYM Holiday World Trip will be Thursday 6/2/22, an invitation is extended to the 8th graders in addition to any high schoolers that attend Olney, St. Joseph-Stringtown, and St. Joseph-Olney. We will be renting a bus for this day. You may also invite a friend to join! More details to come. If interested, please contact Marcia Street at 618-783-9310.

A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land, November 28 to December 9, 2022, Chaplain: Rev. Steven Beatty, Vicar General, Diocese of Belleville. Pilgrimage Director: Cheryl Sommer, Catholic Relief Services Diocesan Animator. Worship Director: Sue Huett Asbeck. Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville and The Messenger. For pricing and further details email crsdiobelle@gmail.com or contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Diocesan Animator at 618-624-2838.

*Acts 13:14, 43-52. Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5.
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17. John 10:27-30.*

Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd. Oh, to hear the voice of the One who keeps us safe. The One who protects us all. The One who leads us to the Father. We do know and believe that this shepherd still speaks today – often very softly.

* How will I listen for the voice of the Shepherd every day?

* How will I choose to follow the voice of this Shepherd and not other voices?

* How can I help others to listen to this voice? And follow?

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~
Sunday, May 8: K of C Recognition of Senior \$250 Scholarship Winners at St. Joseph-Olney, 8AM Mass: Gabriel Rodriguez, Olivia Steber, Alec Kocher, and Dane Steber.
Thursday, May 12: 3rd Degree meeting, 7PM.
Thursday, May 19: 4th Degree meeting, 7:30PM.
Sunday, May 29: K of C Mass Ministry, 8AM, St. Joseph-Olney. K of C led Rosary before Mass.

Thanks to all the parishes and community for the success of the K of C Charity Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the Intellectual Disabilities with donations totaling approximately \$3300 distributed to the Olney Rebel Special Olympics, The Summer Camp Program for the Community Support Systems, Richland County Special Needs classrooms, and South Eastern Special Education Classes.

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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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