

Sunday, February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Feb. 3 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Feb. 4 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Feb. 5 8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Feb. 6 6:30 PM at Wendelin
Fri. Feb. 7 First Friday
8:00 am Special Intention

Sat. Feb. 8
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM John Beal
Jim & Mary Steber

Sun. Feb. 9
8:00 am For the Parish
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR FEBRUARY SPONSORS

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OUR TITHES FOR Jan. 26th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$6,999 (94) Loose: \$178
Guatemala: \$50 (3) First Offering: \$40 (8)
Solemnity of Mary: \$50 (1) Christmas: \$985 (9)
Christmas for the needy \$100 (1) Flowers: \$25 (1)
Building Fund: \$121 (5)

Let Us Pray For: Carol Kistler, 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.*

~ **THANK YOU** ~

To the St. Joseph Funeral Dinner Committee, thank you all very much for the delicious meal you prepared for Debbie's funeral. -The Rauch Family

Happy Birthday to *Pat Ritter* who celebrates her 98th birthday on February 6th!

Deepest Sympathy, to the family of *John D. Hawkins*. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Sunday, February 2nd

• Children's liturgy at 8 am mass. We are extending our age group to K-3 students. Children's liturgy gives children a simplified and modified explanation of the weekly readings and gospels. It's a great way for younger minds to understand the word of the Lord. If you have a child that would like to attend, we would love to see them at 8 am mass on Sundays.

Tuesday, February 4th

• 12 PM - 3 PM, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There must always be 2 people in the church.
• 2nd and 6th grades attend the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blesses Sacrament.
• OCIA will meet every Tuesday evening in conference room B at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, February 5th

• 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Saint Paul reminded the Corinthians that he handed on to them what he himself received ... that Christ died, was buried, rose from the dead and was seen by certain witnesses. If you had that responsibility, what would you proclaim? Don't miss this Bible Study!
• 6:30 PM, Family Catechesis at Holy Cross. Family Topic: Family Dinner n' Movie.

Saturday, February 8th

• Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival! We will be serving famous Joe's sauce and pasta in the cafeteria from 5-7pm with carnival games in the gym for the kids!

Friday, February 14th

• 6 PM, Valentine's Day Party at Holy Cross Parish Center. Catered meal by Barney Ochs.

Thursday, February 20th

• 2 PM – 6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are available. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Walk-ins are welcome.

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

• Thank you to all who helped us celebrate Catholic Schools Week! It was a great week of faith, learning and fun!
• We celebrate the 100th Day of School on Monday, February 3!
• Please join us for our Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival on **Saturday, February 8**. We will be serving famous Joe's sauce and pasta in the cafeteria from 5-7 pm with carnival games in the gym for the kids! Proceeds benefit our athletics, music, and PTO programs!

~ **PARISH NEWS** ~

• **Baptisms:** The Sacrament of Baptism represents the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship. To inquire about a Baptism and/or to schedule a date, contact Caroline Trimble, Pastoral Associate by emailing ctrimblepa@gmail.com or calling 618-263-7106.
• **The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash** Fundraiser will be **March 8th** at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine for our wine pull. If you can donate a bottle or two, please place them in the special box in the back of each church. Please have any wine donations dropped off by Sunday, March 2nd.
• **Thank you** to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2025 calendars. There are still several calendars available at the doors.

~ **YOUNG ADULT NEWS** ~

• **Young Adults Gathering** - February 2nd at Holy Cross Parish Hall - Dinner at 6 pm - Speaker: Fr. Steven Beatty, Topic "Heaven? Hell? Dare we hope all are saved?", for ages 18-35, 21+ welcome to bring adult beverages responsibly.

~ **CYM NEWS** ~

• **CYM Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** - February 16th at Holy Cross - Serving from 10:30am to 12:30pm - Basket Raffle Fundraiser for Mission Trip too!
• **High School Youth Group:** February 9th at St. Joseph Stringtown at 5:30pm February 23rd at Holy Cross at 5:30pm
• **Middle School Youth Group:** February 15th at St. Joseph Olney at 6pm

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~

• February 13th: 3rd degree meeting at 7 PM.
• February 20th: 4th degree meeting at 7 PM.
• February 23rd: The Knights lead the rosary at 7:40 am.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

Jan. 1: Wiliam Earley (#100)
Jan. 2: Daniel & Karen (#458)
Jan. 3: Brody Peavler (#074)
Jan. 6: Shelley Steber (#430)
Jan. 7: Dan Zwilling (#452)
Jan. 8: Krystle Volk (#116)
Jan. 9: Kylah & Caleb Matthews (#465)
Jan. 10: Rhonda Hazel (#010)
Jan. 13: Brenda Ginder (#810)
Jan. 14: Cody Boyer (#502)
Jan. 15: Bobbi Jo Flanders (#572)
Jan. 16: Danny King (#085)
Jan. 17: Lindsay Buerster (#444)
Jan. 20: Cindy Jones (#237)
Jan. 21: Joyce Brokhof (#550)
Jan. 22: Dorothy Bloom (#084)
Jan. 23: Allen Barker (#588)
Jan. 24: Julie Oesch (#686)
Jan. 27: Steve & Pam Runyon (#245)
Jan. 28: Beverly Norton (#161)
Jan. 29: Brad & Mischelle Doll (#827)
Jan. 30: Deb Zuber (#676)
Jan. 31: Gloria Hinterscher (#327)

♥ *Join us for a married and engaged couples* ♥

Valentine's Day Party

- *February 14th at 6 PM, Holy Cross Parish Center
- *Catered Meal by Barney Ochs
- *Music by Midnight House
- *Cost: \$40 per couple

RSVP to Sandi Kessler 618-676-5080 by Feb. 9th

♥ *Valentine's Breakfast* ♥

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Valentine Hall in the Bend

4841 N. 2125th St. – Oblong

Adults - \$10

3-10 yrs old - \$5

Adult meal refill - \$5

Carryouts available

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

There is nothing like a gentle touch of a person's hand, the warm presence of someone being close, prayers shared and offered which bring sweet comfort to our daily life. This beautiful touch is missing in so many ways in our lives and our world. We go throughout our day - doing all the things that are so important- and quite possibly unrealizing we are pushing away the Hand of the God! You might think, I do not! Yet, when our words are uncharitable, our actions selfish, our attitudes rude and condescending towards others- we lack Love-we lack God! Do you recognize-realize the places in your own heart-home- life where your actions are not God-like? Our world needs us All to be the extension of the Master's Hand- to everyone- not just those in your -click- pod-tribe-class- family... everyone! The one who can bring Peace-Healing-Love by his Touch- Presence-very Life has his Hand extended- how will you respond? Let us pray for one another that each and every one of us will reach out and grasp- the Master's Hand- and never Let Go! Live a Jubilee year as a "Pilgrim of Hope." Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

~ **DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE NEWS** ~

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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

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De Colores Spring Weekends

Say yes to a 3-day beautiful experience at camp Walter Scott.

The men's weekend, March 7-10, Leader Brian Henning. Call or text 217-821-3338.

The women's weekend, March 14-17, Leader Mandy Henning. Call or text 217-821-0799

Respect Life Corner: Sunday, February 2nd

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

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Vocation Corner: Sunday, February 2nd

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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



'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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~ **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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