

Sunday, January 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

Mon. Jan. 20 6:30 PM at Stringtown
Tue. Jan. 21 5:00 PM at Lawrenceville
Wed. Jan. 22 8:05 am For the Parish
Thu. Jan. 23 6:30 PM at Wendelin

Sat. Jan. 25 Catholic Schools Week Mass
4:00 PM at Wendelin
5:00 PM Cleone & Delbert Gumble
Alvin Zuber

Sun. Jan. 26
8:00 am Richard Dallmier
Mike Bartley
Dudley Chamberlin
8:00 am at Stringtown
10:00 am at Wendelin
10:00 am at Lawrenceville

OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

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

OUR TITHES FOR Jan. 13th

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$7,580 (88) Loose: \$158
Guatemala: \$110 (8) First Offering: \$185 (22)
Christmas: \$20 (1) Solemnity of Mary \$125 (3)

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.*

Deepest Sympathy, to the family of *Phyllis "Cindy" Bolander*. May she rest in the peace of God's love.

Happy Birthday to *Lucille Ginder* who celebrates her 92nd birthday on January 26th.

~ **AROUND OUR PARISHES** ~

Saturday, January 18th

• 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 19th

• 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.

• 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!!

Tuesday, January 21st

• 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.

Wednesday, January 22nd

• 9:15 am, Bible Study, St. Joseph Olney, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. What if Jesus stands before you and proclaims, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." How would you feel and react? What glad tidings would that entail? What freedom, insight, or release? Don't miss Bible Study.

Sunday, January 26th

• The Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary at 7:40 am.
• Catholic Schools Week kick off mass led by the students of St. Joseph School.

~ **THANK YOU** ~

We wish to extend a special thank you to Fr. Steven for celebrating the funeral mass for Maren. And also, thank you to all our friends, relatives, and our parish family for your prayers, support, and thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

-The family of Maren Zuber

Fr. Daniel Jurek wants to express his sincere thanks for all of the prayers and well wishes for him during his surgery. All went well & he is looking forward to his return.

Fr. Daniel Jurek
Hincke-Sense Home for Retired Priests
2620 Lebanon Ave.
Belleville, IL 62221

🔔 **St. Joseph School News** 🔔

- **Enrollment- Preschool and Kindergarten, 2025-26**, Preschool and kindergarten enrollment is currently underway for the 2025-26 school year. Please contact the school office if you have not previously reached out and plan to enroll a student.
 - No School- Monday, January 20, MLK Jr. Day
 - Join us for **Catholic Schools Week Alumni Mass**, Wednesday, January 29. Please contact the school office or email jhart@stjoeolney.com with your name and graduation year if you can attend.
 - **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).
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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.
- **Thank you** to Carl Sager, Brett Stirnaman, Doll's, and Steve Kuenstler for all of their help with clearing snow this past week. It is greatly appreciated!

• **Family Catechesis**

Catholic Extension Grant Update

The project will officially launch August 2025, and it will be a yearlong project to July 2026. The project theme is "*Following in the Footsteps of the Saints*." This was enthusiastically received and approved by the Catholic Extension committee. The full amount of \$15,000.00 was awarded!!

The first few months of this year there will be a lot of prep work, planning, meetings with parishioners, etc. to build a wider Team of people.

This project will benefit the parishes, and will provide great things that will last for future generations, re-establish customs and traditions of the parishes, and inspire new ones. More will be shared ongoingly as we venture into this project of "*Following in the Footsteps of the Saints*."

♥ **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

- **Friday, January 24:** Annual Cash Bingo Night at St. Mary's Parish Center in Ste. Marie, IL. Join us for refreshments, popcorn, and bingo!! \$1 per card for a series of 3 games and \$1 for each Blackout game. Bingo begins at 6 PM.
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Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

"Do Whatever He Tells You"

Mary tells the waiter, "*Do whatever he tells you.*" ... and in that same breath it echoes... *do whatever I Tell You....* Because *SHE (Mary)* is always pointing the way to her Son. While Our Lady's mission is always and everywhere to point the way to Our Lord saying, "*Do whatever He tells you.*" At Fatima, it was revealed that it's the will of her Son to

reciprocate, in a sense, pointing the way to His Blessed Mother as if to say: “Do whatever SHE tells you.” What is she telling us- What is she showing us- That SHE - will never, ever, leave her children! She fights for us and needs us to aid in her battle! She is telling us to put on the armor-to use the tools- RNR! That would be our Rosaries, be Nourished by the Holy Word of God, and Receive the Holy Sacraments-especially Eucharist and the Reconciliation (at least once a month)! One does not listen to the Son and not hear the Mother, nor does one listen to the Mother and not her the Son! DO- Whatever- THEY tell you to do! Live this Jubilee year as a Pilgrim of Hope. Our Lady of Fatima, *pray for us!*

~ **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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Respect Life Corner: Sunday, January 19th

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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Vocation Corner: Sunday, January 19th

Today we hear the famous story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus is celebrating with the happy couple – a salute to the vocation of marriage. And He honors His mother’s request to intervene as the wine runs out. We are now issued the one of the greatest calls to holiness of the ages – “Do whatever He tells you.” As this was the “beginning of his signs...and so revealed his glory”, are we seeing his signs and doing whatever he tells us? Are we called to something greater?

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

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.

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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~ **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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