

Sunday, September 19, 2021
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Sept. 20 6:30PM (at Stringtown)
Tue. Sept. 21 6:30PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Sept. 22 8:05am Special Intention
Thu. Sept. 23 6:30PM (at Wendelin)
Sat. Sept. 25 4:00PM (at Wendelin)
5:00PM Norman, Joseph & Richard Zwilling; Jim Kuenstler; Catherine L. Zwilling
Sun. Sept. 26 8:00am Patricia Gassmann
8:00am (at Stringtown)
10:00am (at Wendelin)
10:00am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: Carolyn Hartrich
Missalettes: A Parishioner

OUR TITHES FOR SEPTEMBER 12

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
Envelopes: \$5,979.50 (70) Loose: \$124
Guatemala: \$261 (11) Retired Priests: \$920 (24)

KEEP CONNECTED with the church and receive important messages and updates via text and email. Sign up for Flocknote by texting **stjoeholycross** to **84576** to get connected.

* AROUND OUR PARISH *

Wednesday, September 22

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

Friday, September 24

- Good Samaritan, 9 AM-11 AM.

🔔 St. Joseph School Notes 🔔

Tuesday, Sept. 21 - Thursday, Sept. 23

- 8th Graders at Camp Ondessonk

Wednesday, September 22

- All School Mass, 8:05 AM, grades 3rd - 8th attend. (4th Grade Mass)
- Early release, 12:10 PM.

Friday, September 24

- Join us for an outdoor band concert, 2:35 PM, in our courtyard!

This weekend, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. We are grateful for the entire staff as they serve to provide a faith-based education with Christ at the center of our lives.

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

September 13: Sam Beyers (#163)
September 14: Ron & Eleanor Steber (#675)
September 15: Mark Blank (#076)
September 16: Brody Peavler (#473)
September 17: Robin Eubank (#347)

Let Us Pray for: Mike Dowty, Cindy Foerster, Peggy Fye, Sondra Geiger, Loren Ginder, Lucille Ginder, Chris Hartrich, Cathy McDowell, Gerald Ochs, Kay Rowark, Deana Schafer and Kurt Wengert.

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

The disciples journeyed with Jesus-what an amazing thing to reflect upon. They shared conversation-meals- laughs- tears- they walked together- they sat at His feet and were told of the wonders and mercies of God. How blessed among

men are they for they shared intimately in His life- but we too have the choice to share in that same journey with Our Lord! Do we share the journey daily or are we too busy? Or do we just seek Him when a need arises? This journey is priceless and precious- there is nothing more important or pertinent than a Life Shared with Jesus. Do not be led astray by the wiles-division-cruelty-misguidedness of this world!

Seize the moment and journey closer and closer with Jesus- learn from Him- walk with Him- come to know and hear that sweet voice. Begin the journey by speaking to the Lord every morning- spend time in prayer (get up 10 minutes sooner to pray)- give part of your lunch time to reading His Holy Word- pray together before meals- call someone to pray with you- learn about the Saints- ask Mary our Mother to help you - receive the Sacraments. Journey onward with Jesus- hold tight- never let go-and the Joy in the Journey will be unfathomable. *St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!* Keep to the J.O.Y.S

St. Joseph Church in Olney would like to invite everyone to the 2021 St. Joseph Smorgasbord and Bazaar OUTDOOR event on Sunday, October 17. Lunch will be served from 11 AM to 2:30 PM. Adults: \$10, Children (8 and under): \$5. Lunch includes pork burgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken and noodles, baked beans, coleslaw, cakes, pies and more! Outdoor seating, live music, and games. Drive-Thru/Pickup meals available on the west side of the MPR. Bazaar includes Bingo, Chance Stand, Cake Stand, and Country Store. Raffles drawn at 1:30 PM. All are welcome for food, fun, and friendship! Help is needed to make this year another success. Please contact Samantha Brazil to volunteer: (618) 816-2544 or sam.k.brazil@gmail.com

Chance Stand: A variety of items are needed. Consider combining efforts with a friend or family member! Value of item(s) should be \$35+. Any new item with this value can be placed in this stand. Items do not have to be in a basket, but they must be secure as our stand will be outside this year. Please contact Lisa Anderson (618-838-2423) or Brianne Kuenstler (618-699-9610) with any questions or to drop off items for the stand.

Cash Raffle Tickets Available: The tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are: 1st Prize- \$5,000, 2nd prize- \$1,000, (2) 3rd prizes- \$500, (4) 4th prizes- \$250, (10) 5th prizes; \$100, (20) 6th Prizes- \$50. If you are willing to sell or buy tickets, please either call, text or email Jeffrey Rosenberg (618-302-0391 or jar325@yahoo.com). Tickets are also available in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will be able to sell all 1,300 tickets as this is what funds necessary repairs and upkeep of our parish. Please help us by selling and buying tickets. The drawing will be Sunday, October 17.

Quilt Raffle Tickets: You may put sold raffle tickets in an envelope marked 'Quilt Raffle' and place them in the collection.

Attention Liturgical Ministers: The deadline is today (Sunday, September 19) to make any changes for the October schedule. Please call the Parish Office (392-8181) or send an email, to report any dates you do not wish to be scheduled, or to have your name added or removed from the upcoming schedule.

Holylands Arts: On behalf of our Christian workshops in the city of Bethlehem and the surrounding areas, please accept our great appreciation for the opportunity you are giving us to market our Olivewood Handcrafted religious items at your church for the weekend of October 2 and 3. The Christians value your

support and solidarity with fellow Catholics who are suffering due to lack of Pilgrims visiting the Holy Land.

The 2021-2022 PSR Registration is open on the parish website. Our Opening PSR Mass will be on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin.

2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will

do the works that I do... - John 14:12

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 today.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8.

James 3:16-4:31. Mark 9:30-37.

“I’m Better Than You.” Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

* Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?

* Whom can I serve because they need some help?

* Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?

From the Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women: Please join us on October 13 at Camp Ondessonk for the 2021 BDCCW Annual Convention! We will spend the day at Camp Ondessonk in Ozark IL, surrounded by the natural beauty of God’s great gift to us, and

reflect on “Caring for our Common Home” ... as we care for one another. RSVP by September 27 for a special discount on your registration fee. Forms are available from your parish office, and on our website at <https://dps.diobelle.org/dps/bdcccw/home>. Just click on the Convention 2021 banner to get to the registration form.

~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~

Thank you, Olney, Wendelin and Stringtown parishes for a successful two-day Tootsie Roll Charity Drive for the Intellectually Disabled at the Olney IGA! In 38 volunteer hours, there were 22 member volunteers, 7 Community Support Systems Staff (formerly Olney Workshop), 10 Special Olympic coaches and athletes, and 11 family member volunteers!

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON MASKS-

DIocese OF BELLEVILLE: Based on the new State of Illinois mask mandate effective Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, age two and older, are required to wear a mask while indoors. This includes weekday and weekend Masses, Eucharistic adoration, children's liturgy of the Word, PSR, nursery, etc. Masking is also required at all indoor parish social events.

- It is a good practice to continue to offer hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church.
- Parishes should continue to clean and disinfect pews and other high touch surfaces after every celebration and/or event.
- Priests, Deacons and servers should sanitize their hands frequently.

Parishes with upcoming outdoor festivals may also want to consider wearing masks in crowded outdoor settings with activities that involve close contact.

Layered mitigation approaches have proven to be most successful in minimizing Covid transmission in our churches. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continue to keep our people safe and our churches open.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
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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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- Pastoral Council: Kurt Ginder, Jane Kocher,
Wayne Kocher, Cathy McDowell, Vicki Stuckey, Matthew Zuber

~ 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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