

Sunday, November 20, 2022
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

✠ *Eucharistic Celebrations* ✠

- Mon. Nov. 21 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
 Tue. Nov. 22 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
Wed. Nov. 23 8:05 am Special Intention
 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
Thu. Nov. 24 8:00 am for the Parish
 8:00 am (at Lawrenceville)
Fri. Nov. 25 No Mass
Sat. Nov. 26 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)
5:00 PM Elizabeth Peavler;
Edmund, Anna &
Linda Volk;
Ed Zuber
Sun. Nov. 27 8:00 am Joe O’Fallon;
James Mark Weiler
 8:00 am (at Stringtown)
 10:00 am (at Wendelin)
 10:00 am (at Lawrenceville)

OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS

Bulletins: In Memory of Don Fehrenbacher
 Missalettes: Blank’s Insurance

OUR TITHES FOR NOVEMBER 13

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00
 Envelopes: \$8,807 (101) Loose: \$327
 Guatemala: \$103 (5)

*** AROUND OUR PARISHES ***

Sunday, November 20

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy.**

Monday, November 21

- **7 PM, School Board Meeting**

Tuesday, November 22

- **3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.**

Wednesday, November 23

- **8 AM, Thanksgiving Day Mass with school children at St. Joseph-Olney**
- **Rosary, after Mass.**

- 6:30 PM, Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Thanksgiving Day Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Thursday, November 24

- **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- **The Parish Office is closed.**
- **8 AM, Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Joseph-Olney**
- 8 AM, Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Friday, November 25

- **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- **The Parish Office is closed.**

Sunday, November 27

- Priest Support Group in Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday, November 30

- 12 PM (Noon), East Vicariate Meeting.

Sunday, December 4

- **1 PM, Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph-Olney.**

🔔 **St. Joseph School Notes** 🔔

Tuesday, November 22

- Early dismissal, 1:50 PM.

Wednesday, November 23

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (5th).
- Early dismissal, 1:50 PM (no bus service morning or afternoon).

Thursday, November 24 / Friday, November 25

- No School.

 Happy Thanksgiving from the staff and students at St. Joseph School! We are grateful for our families and our parishes!

CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25

- November 7: Zachary Egleston (#492)
- November 8: Coni Kieffer (#363)
- November 9: Nancy R. Ochs (#543)
- November 10: Brianne White (#680)
- November 11: Steve Chapman (#607)

Let Us Pray For: Janet David, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder; Justin, Ember, Olivia Faith and Sophia Hope Kabbes; Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch, Debbie Rauch, Kay Rowark, Lynden Spieth, Eleanor Steber, Brenda Summers, Jim Wattles, Camden Weston, Clara Wilson, Mary Jo Zuber, and Jim Zwilling.

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.

FROM FR. MARK:

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving! The Pilgrims landed in 1620 and were starving after their first year, until they learned how to plant corn. That first harvest was so successful the group's leader, William Bradford, called for a feast to celebrate their good fortune. The Pilgrims and Native Americans had their Thanksgiving feast over three days in October 1621.

But was that the first Thanksgiving? Some argue the first dinner giving thanks was celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida, when Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and a Holy Mass was offered.

On April 30, 1598 in El Paso, Texas, Spanish explorer Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving after a terrible storm and then unbelievable heat that had waylaid his expedition finally subsided.

A member of that expedition wrote, "We built a great bonfire and roasted the meat and fish, and then all sat down to a repast the like of which we had never enjoyed before." Of course, a Mass was also celebrated.

On Thanksgiving, try to keep in mind these words from St. Thomas Aquinas:

“O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.”

Journey Onward Ye Sojourners
Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” The criminal who hung on a cross recognized that this was no mere man- but God incarnate! Do we recognize the King of Kings? Do we live a life that cries out Jesus? The response from our Lord offered in his own anguish and agony is unfathomable-it is Mercy! That same mercy that every one of us need – on a daily basis! Take these final few days before Advent -go to Reconciliation and may these words be upon your lips- *Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.* Live a life of -Faith – Hope – Love- meriting the response given to the criminal and the response we all long to receive -*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.* Adoramus te, Christe - we Adore you, O Christ! Journey onward ye sojourners to the Kingdom. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

Giving Tree: This Advent, our parish again has the opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas with our less fortunate neighbors by supporting our Giving Tree. You may choose one (or more) ornaments from the baskets by the doors, purchase and wrap the requested gift, place the sticker from the ornament on the package for identification, then place the ornament on the tree and the gift under the tree. The gifts will be delivered during Christmas week to the families whose Christmas would be very bleak without your caring. For more information, call Rose Ann Schwartz (395-1151).

Christmas Masses at St. Joseph-Olney: Christmas Eve, 4 PM (with the school children) and 8 PM, and on Christmas Day at 8 AM. We would like to form a choir for the 8 PM Christmas Eve mass and 8 AM Christmas Day Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are

interested. We would like to schedule a few practices.

Other Masses for Christmas Eve: 4 PM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville, 6 PM at Holy Cross-Wendelin and 10 PM Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown. On Christmas Day, 8 AM at St. Joseph-Stringtown and 10 AM at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and Holy Cross-Wendelin.

Book of Remembrance: During the month of November, we especially remember in prayer those who have died. You are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance.

The annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 10 and 11 after each Mass in the multi-purpose room. You can either pick your own homemade cookies or purchase a tray pre-packaged with homemade cookies. We will be requesting cookie donations, and the cookies can be dropped off on December 9 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 10 between 8 AM and 10AM. We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6). If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).

Deepest sympathy to the family of Norman "Sonny" Runyon. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

The family of Ed Zuber would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and many acts of kindness during this difficult time. All are appreciated more than words can express. Thank you to the ladies of the parish who prepared and served the delicious meal. May God bless all of you!

Thank you to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2023 calendars. The calendars are available at the doors.

Dishes from the Smorgasbord and funeral dinners are located in the hallway outside the multi-purpose room above the coat rack. Please pick up any of the dishes that belong to you.

The Tri-Parish CYM thanks our parishes for the generous donation of 221 food items at our food drive last weekend! The items have been donated to Good Samaritan in Olney.

Respect Life Corner: Let us be mindful of married couples considering adoption: May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will.

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~
Tuesday, November 22: Deadline for Christ in Christmas posters. Posters will be collected at the St. Joseph School Office and in the folder in church.

Sunday, November 27: K of C led Rosary, 7:40AM at St. Joseph-Olney.

Sunday, December 4: Free Olney, Wendelin and Stringtown Council Member and Family Christmas Dinner at St. Joseph-Olney multi-purpose room, 5 PM. Santa is scheduled to arrive after the meal.

Do you know a male practical Catholic (attending Mass) aged 18 and over interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? The dues are free for the remainder of this year. Contact Hank Ginder for more information at (618) 843-3016 or email at hnginder76@hotmail.com.

Kudos for all attending the Mass for Deceased Members, approximately 33. Thank you, Father Mark, organist Kylie Rauch and cantor Dan Hahn, server Dan Kuentler, Elmer Weiler Eucharistic Minister and Don Seger and the ladies, Bev, Donna and Nina for cookies. Thank you Carl Sager for being the chairperson of the event.

Knight of the Month: Carl Sager - Chairperson for Mass for Deceased Members.

St. Joseph Church
208 South Elliott St.
Olney, Illinois 62450
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'Renewing the Vision'
Sunday, November 20, 2022
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

~ **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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