

Sunday, November 19, 2023  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Eucharistic Celebrations ✠

Mon. Nov. 20 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
 Tue. Nov. 21 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)  
**Wed. Nov. 22 8:05 am Special Intention**  
 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)  
 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)  
**Thu. Nov. 23 8:00 am For the Parish**  
 8:00 am (at Lawrenceville)  
**Fri. Nov. 24 No Mass**  
**Sat. Nov. 25 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Martha & Elizabeth Peavler;**  
**Francis & Hermina Zuber;**  
**Bernie Seiler**  
**Sun. Nov. 26 8:00 am Joe O'Fallon;**  
**Frank & Sophia Helregel;**  
**Henry, Georgiana & Mary Ann Kuenstler**  
 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

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, November 19**

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

**Wednesday, November 22**

- 8:05 AM, School Mass at St. Joseph-Olney
- Rosary, after Mass.
- 3 PM, Bulletin deadline. Write, type or email all announcements.
- 6:30 PM, Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown
- 6:30 PM, Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Thursday, November 23**

- 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 24**

- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- The Parish Office is closed.

**Sunday, November 26**

- 8 AM, Children's Liturgy.

**Wednesday, November 29**

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

**Friday, December 1 - First Friday**

- 8 AM, Mass, followed by First Friday Communion Visitation at 9 AM.

**Saturday, December 2 - First Saturday**

- 9 AM, First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin, with confession beginning at 8:15AM.

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Tuesday, November 21**

- Early Dismissal, 1:50 PM (bus service available).

**Wednesday, November 22**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24**

- No School - Thanksgiving Break.

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Any active parishioners interested in a full-time Catholic education in 2024-25 should contact the school office before the Christmas break.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

November 6: Kyle Heimann (#129)  
 November 7: Chris Borah (#513)  
 November 8: Jeff Chamberlin (#703)  
 November 9: Robert Uhl (#184)  
 November 10: Kathy Kuenstler (#742)

**Let Us Pray For:** Kristen Eagleson, Harold Foerster, Bob Geiger, Angela Geltz, Kenneth Hann, Don Kocher, Sarah Kocher, Deloris Nix, Emery and Julie Oesch, Anita Shultz, Judy Spitz, Eleanor Steber, and Tony Tredway.  
*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**  
*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.* These final days of our Liturgical year and approaching end of our calendar year are a call to remain firm and steadfast. Our Lord tells us over and over-*To Remain-Be Still-Do not be Afraid-Trust in Me!* I read recently, that we should spend as much-*if not more time with God*-as we do eating! So, typically, one might spend eating Breakfast for 15 minutes, Lunch around 20 minutes, Supper a good 30 minutes, snacking possibly 10 minutes a day- this adds up to 75 minutes! How much time do you spend in prayer each day? Seriously, think about it! How awesome is our God who never says it is too late! So Today- Open your Bible, Read your Devotional, Pray your Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Pray/Offer Hail Mary's throughout the day, Sing joyfully to the Lord in Song, Sit in Silence.... *Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.* Live a Life of Love-a Life bearing Heavenly Fruit! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**Family Catechesis:**

*November Faith Focus:* Purgatory  
*Live Your Catholic Faith:* Remember your loved ones who have died, by placing a picture of them at your family altar or family table, share stories and pray the Family Prayer of the month for them. Also, visit the cemetery and pray a Rosary for all the souls in Purgatory.  
*Family Prayer:* Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen. St. Gertrude the Great, pray for us!  
*Act of Love:* The Gift of Love and prayers for that family.

**OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** - *previously known as RCIA.* Interested in joining the Catholic Church or just want more information? We are always excited to welcome new members/families. For more information, contact Fr. Steven Beatty ([frsteven.beatty@gmail.com](mailto:frsteven.beatty@gmail.com)) (618-697-2632) or Caroline Trimble ([ctrimblePA@gmail.com](mailto:ctrimblePA@gmail.com)) (618-263-7106).

**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 9 and 10 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 8 in the multi-purpose room during school hours and on December 9

between 8 AM and 10 AM. We will also have bagged noodles for sale (\$6). If you have any questions, please contact Sara Peavler (618-599-5963).

**Cookies with Santa**, sponsored by the St. Joseph School enrollment committee, will be held in conjunction with the Cookie Walk this year on Saturday, December 9 from 5:45 PM-7:30 PM. Children aged birth-Kindergarten are invited to have a cookie, make a Christmas craft, and get their picture taken with Santa!

**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).

**Thank you** to Kistler-Patterson Funeral Homes for providing our 2024 calendars. The calendars are available at the doors.

**2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**  
*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*  
On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve; we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2023 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God’s love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

**Respect Life Corner:** Week 3 – Palliative and Hospice Care Month. *How are the disabled affected by Physician Assisted Suicide?*

According to the National Council on Disability, cost pressures create an especially toxic environment when combined with longstanding social prejudice against the value of a life with disabilities:

“The dangers of permitting physician-assisted suicide are large indeed. The pressures upon people with disabilities to choose to end their lives, and the insidious appropriation by others of the right to make that choice for them are already way too common in our society. These pressures are increasing and will continue to grow as managed health care and limitations upon health care resources precipitate increased ‘rationing’ of health care services and health care financing.... There is no doubt that people with disabilities are among society’s most likely candidates for ending their lives. As the experience in the Netherlands demonstrates, there is also little doubt that legalizing assisted suicide generates strong pressures upon individuals and families to utilize that option, and leads very quickly to coercion and involuntary euthanasia.”

National Council on Disability, “Assisted Suicide: A Disability Perspective,” Position Paper of March 24, 1997, reprinted in 14.3 Issues in Law & Medicine 273-99 (Spring 1998) at 298.

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Wednesday, November 22:** Christ in Christmas Posters due to Hank Ginder or to the St. Joseph School Office. Rules and Regulation handouts are at the back of the churches. Cash prizes for grades Pre-K through the 8th grade. Winners can advance to the Belleville Region, the State, and National Contests.

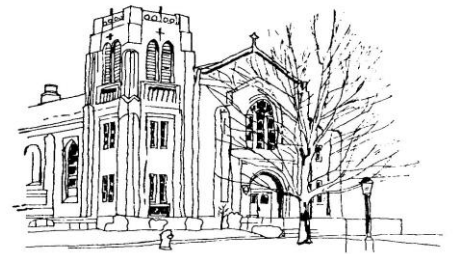
**Sunday, December 3:** Olney 1352 Council Members and Family Christmas Appreciation Dinner, 5 PM, St. Joseph-Olney multi-purpose room. Santa is scheduled to arrive after the dinner.

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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- Elliot Brazil..... Trustee

~ **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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