

*Sunday, November 13, 2022*  
*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

- Mon. Nov. 14 6:30 PM (at Stringtown)
- Tue. Nov. 15 5:00 PM (at Lawrenceville)
- Wed. Nov. 16 8:05 am Albert, Clara & RoseEllen Hahn**
- Thu. Nov. 17 6:30 PM (at Wendelin)
- Fri. Nov. 18 No Mass**
- Sat. Nov. 19 4:00 PM (at Wendelin)**  
**5:00 PM Una Kocher, Linda Volk, Francis & Hermina Zuber**
- Sun. Nov. 20 8:00 am Helen Hoffman, Mary Ann Kuentler**  
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 6**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$7,456.50 (104) Outreach: \$295  
Guatemala: \$352 (25) All Saints: \$205 (11)  
Mission Sunday: \$20 (1)

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, November 13**

- **8 AM, Children's Liturgy.**
- 11 AM, Veteran's Memorial Dedication, Parish Social at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, November 14**

- 6:30 PM, Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph-Stringtown. Our Adoration prayer will be for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**Tuesday, November 15**

- 6 PM, Finance Council at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

**Wednesday, November 16**

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

**Sunday, November 20**

- 11 AM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, November 21**

- **7 PM, School Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 23**

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

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Wednesday, November 16**

- School Mass, 8:05 AM (6th).
- Picture Retake Day.

**Thursday, November 17**

- Early Dismissal, 12:10 PM.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1 PM - 7 PM.

**Friday, November 18**

- No School.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8 AM - 11 AM.

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Thanks to everyone who made our Fall Boosters breakfast a success!

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

October 31: Marni Burgener (#211)  
November 1: Chris Doll (#701)  
November 2: Jim Bunn (#054)  
November 3: Carrie Hallam (#119)  
November 4: Jeff A. Kocher (#676)

**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:**

Today, Sunday 13 November 2022 is the sixth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9). Pope Francis, in his message for the day, laments that just as the world was emerging from the "tempest of the pandemic", a new catastrophe appeared on the horizon: the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the brutal war which has followed. The war has displaced millions of Ukrainian people and caused global economic turbulence, with food shortages and rising energy costs which will affect the poorest this winter. The Pope reminds us of the generosity of people in welcoming refugees from recent conflicts in the Middle East. He understands that host communities can feel burdened, and it is difficult to maintain relief efforts, but he says, "This is the moment for us not to lose heart but to renew our initial motivation. The work we have begun needs to be brought to completion with the same sense of responsibility."

In his message for the sixth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that from the very early days of the Church, attention to the needs of

the poor was a feature of the community. St Paul, in his letter to the Christians in Corinth, is asking for help for the community in Jerusalem, who are suffering great hardship due to a food shortage in the country. He does not regard this request as a command but instead asks them to take up a collection as "a sign of love, the love shown by Jesus himself". As Pope Francis reminds us, "where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matter is rolling up our sleeves and putting faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated". It is important that no one lacks what is necessary and our concern is born out of sincere and generous concern which sees those who are poor as our brothers and sisters. It is not so much that we are helping them, but that they "lend a hand to help me shake off the lethargy into which I have fallen". Before being the objects of our almsgiving, those who are poor "can help set us free from the snares of anxiety and superficiality". That is why the Pope insists that our work is never for the poor, but with the poor and of the poor, work that brings people together (Fratelli Tutti, 169).

More than that, we are called to become poor ourselves. Not materially poor, that is "a poverty that humiliates and kills" as the Pope says. The poverty we are called to is the poverty of Jesus, this is the poverty that sets us free, sets us free from attachment to the idol of wealth and all the anxiety it brings. The poverty of Jesus was his self-emptying love, which excludes no one "and seeks out everyone, especially the marginalized and those deprived of the necessities of life. Our freedom is the sharing of our lives out of love, restoring dignity to those trapped in injustice. This is what the Holy Father calls the way to create equality, "to free the poor from their misery and the rich from their vanity, and both from their despair".

I encourage you to take time to deepen your own encounter with those who are poor, of examining your own conscience about your lifestyles and how our faith is expressed in loving action.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners  
+ J.O.Y.S.+**

**Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate**

We are living in a time where *morally right* is so vehemently discarded and absolute wrong is praised! One only needs to watch the latest television programming, commercials, even the news, etc.... to see the obvious tumultuousness of our days! I ask you, "Where is the seeking of God in these times?" "Where is your prayer, and sacrifice? Do not close your eyes and ears to the noise of the world- as if it will just go away. Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch...Do not be caught off guard, one must anchor themselves within the -Sacraments- Rosary- Consecration to our Lady.... etc. Our Lord told us, *it is by your perseverance that you will secure your life!* Live a life that shines God- Live a life of Love! Journey onward ye sojourners to the Kingdom. Keep to the J.O.Y.S.

**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.

**Learn More About Becoming a Priest.** Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood at St. Mary Parish in Chester on November 20 and at Holy Childhood in Mascoutah on December 4. Each event will begin at 5 PM with Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Patti Warner in the Vocations Office at (618) 722-5043, or email to: [pwarner@diobelle.org](mailto:pwarner@diobelle.org).

~ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** ~  
**Thursday, November 17:** 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 PM.

- Last day to turn in vocation raffle books to Mike Ginder. There are six Belleville Seminarians, including Ben Baker from St. Joseph-Olney.  
**Tuesday, November 22:** Deadline for Christ in Christmas Posters. Handouts are available from each of the St. Joseph teachers and in folders at the back of church. Cash prizes in five grade divisions. Three winners in ages 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14, advance to the Belleville Contest with the winners published in the Messenger in the Christmas issue.

**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.

**Congratulations** to the winners of the State Finals Soccer Kick in Bloomington, Illinois: Lauren French, Nora McClain and Judah Dicks. Kudos to those who received 2nd Place plaques: Addison McLaughlin, Emma Hefferman, Belle Graves, and Luke Slagley.

**Kudos** to new members Stephen Fehrenbacher and Shawn Sanders.

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208 South Elliott St.  
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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 4:15 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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School Board: Angel Padilla (*Chairperson*), Christy Blank, Heather Colwell, Kathy Davis, Andrea Kuenstler, Lauren McClain, Sara Peavler, Doug Kocher (*Stringtown Representative*), Tammy Rudolphi (*Holy Cross-Wendelin Representative*)