

*Sunday, May 22, 2022*  
*6th Sunday of Easter*

† *Eucharistic Celebrations* †

Mon. May 23	6:30 PM	(at Stringtown)
Tue. May 24	5:00 PM	(at Lawrenceville)
<b>Wed. May 25</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
Thu. May 26	6:30 PM	(at Wendelin)
<b>Sat. May 28</b>	4:00 PM	(at Wendelin)
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Una Kocher;</b> <b>Gerald Blank</b>
<b>Sun. May 29</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Marj, Jason &amp;</b> <b>George Weidner;</b> <b>Larry &amp; Madonna</b> <b>Kirts;</b> <b>George Ochs</b>
	8:00 am	(at Stringtown)
	10:00 am	(at Wendelin)
	10:00 am	(at Lawrenceville)

**OUR MONTHLY SPONSORS**

Bulletins: Dan Kuenstler family  
Missalettes: Edward Jones – Leon Stallard

**OUR TITHES FOR MAY 15**

Parish Operating Expense per Week = \$9,847.00  
Envelopes: \$7,636 (80) Loose: \$105  
Guatemala: \$140 (2)

*~ Kudos ~*

♦ To *Dudley Chamberlin*, who celebrates his 93rd birthday on May 25. Happy birthday!

**\* AROUND OUR PARISHES \***

**Sunday, May 22**

• 11 AM, Baptism at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, May 23**

• **Last day of school**

**Wednesday, May 25**

• **Rosary, after Mass**

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

**Thursday, May 26**

• **2 PM–6 PM, Blood Drive in the multi-purpose room. Appointments are needed. Schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. The American Red Cross is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies for a limited time. Free gift when you give blood: Get an awesome 20 oz. Red Cross aluminum water bottle you can customize with a limited-edition sticker set, while supplies last.**

• 7:15 PM, Finance/Management meeting at Holy Cross-Wendelin

**Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day**

• **Parish Office closed**

• **8 AM, Mass at St. Joseph-Olney Cemetery**

**Saturday, June 4**

• 10:30am, Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Thomas Luge at Cathedral of St. Peter-Belleville

 **St. Joseph School Notes** 

**Monday, May 23**

• Last day of attendance for K-7 students - Field Day activities - Dismissal 11 AM - no lunch or 11 AM bus service.

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\* Congratulations to our graduates! We are proud of you!

\* Summer School Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 9 AM - 3 PM, unless otherwise posted.

\* If you are looking for a 75% IL Income tax credit and want to support families choosing a full-time Catholic education, go to [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org) to donate!

\* Elections for Board of Education members will be May 28 & 29, 2022. We will elect 1 member for a 3-year term. Nominees must fulfill the following qualifications:

✓ A registered member of St. Joseph Parish who is at least 21 years of age, may run for the St. Joseph School Board.

✓ Each candidate for the School Board must have a Nomination Petition (which can be picked up in the school office) signed by ten members who are qualified voters belonging to St. Joseph Parish. Each candidate must sign a Statement of Candidacy.

✓ The order in which the petitions are turned into the school office is the order in which the candidate's names will appear on the ballot.

✓ Not be a paid parish or school employee nor an immediate family member of such an employee.

✓ Have the ability to work effectively with others in achieving consensus.

✓ Be willing to make the necessary commitment for thought and study, as well as for meetings and related board activities.

If you wish to become a candidate, please pick up a petition in the school office. Please submit your petition and biography by Tuesday, May 24, 2022 to the school office.

**CALENDAR WINNERS - \$25**

May 9: Linda Dickerson (#734)

May 10: Carol Batzloff (#770)

May 11: Robert Buerster (#208)

May 12: Haven Doll (#697)

May 13: Reece Shan (#752)

**Let Us Pray For:** Willy Deimel, Mike Dowty, Elizabeth and Frank Ginder, Ember and Justin Kabbes and baby girls, Darrell Kuhl, Garry Maris, Cathy McDowell, Emery and Julie Oesch, Kay Rowark, Brenda Summers, Rose (Blank) Wilkinson, Clara Wilson, Emma Riggs Winslow and Ed Zuber.

*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:**

School is out, the weather is warm, summer is here! For many summertime means a relaxed schedule with no school, shorter workdays, and vacations. It is a joy-filled season and a time to make memories.

However, it can also be a time that many will take a vacation from their spiritual life. We should not take a break from God. With more time on your hands, summer can be a wonderful time to challenge yourself and grow closer to Christ.

Each week, I will offer you a challenge, a scripture verse and a prayer. 12 suggestions on how to "soak up the sun" this summer.

**CHALLENGE 1:** God doesn't take vacations... so don't take a vacation from Him. Summer often means a more relaxed and laid-back schedule, but don't let that have the effect on your prayer time. If you're sleeping in, make sure you still take the time to invite God into your day before you roll out of bed.

"In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning, I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly." - Psalm 5:3

**Giving Thanks For Summer**

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

**Journey Onward Ye Sojourners**

+ J.O.Y.S.+

*Caroline Trimble Pastoral Associate*

“Peace I leave with you my friends... peace that the world cannot give!” How so very true it is that there is no peace apart from God. Yes, you may think life is good - even live in a “life is a highway” state of mind; but you will find no true peace amid worldliness. We were not made for this world- we were made for something much more! That something more is the Kingdom! Our lives speak volumes as to whom we belong as well! We either radiate the love and peace of God or the false accolades of the prince of darkness. In the end there are only two options - **heaven or hell** - and both are eternal! Let today and every day be a new beginning of living the love and light of Christ! Live a Life of Love that is immersed in the *peace* that surpasses all understanding! Keep to the J.O.Y.S

**His Excellency, The Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Bishop of Belleville**, is pleased to announce that he has called The Reverend Mr. Thomas Luge to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The Ordination will take place in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, on Saturday, June 4, 2022, the Vigil of Pentecost, at 10:30 AM. A reception will be served with cookies and lemonade under tents in front of the Cathedral, and all are welcome. Father Luge intends to offer First Blessings at that location. Thank you for your continued urgent prayers for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

**May is the month** for our annual St. Joseph Cemetery fund collection. Please consider giving to help with mowing expenses and general maintenance. You can give in the envelope provided with the May packet or put your contribution in an envelope marked "Cemetery Fund". *Please write out your check to "St. Joseph Cemetery Fund"*. We appreciate your help in making sure our cemetery remains one of the best kept in the area.

**Dear Fr. Stec:** “I am pleased to announce that Ms. Ava Kessler of Holy Cross Parish was selected to receive the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) \$1,000 Scholarship Award. Four young women out of 46 were selected. Every young woman was an outstanding candidate and Ava has much to be proud of in being selected for this award. Thank you for providing an environment for these young adults where they can learn to be faith-filled and supportive to their school, community and church. The future of our country and our world depends on this.” *-Sincerely, Mary Ann Sullivan, SDCCW Scholarship Chair*

**"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17.** This weekend you have the opportunity to support the seven men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$48,000. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to the Seminarian Education Collection to ensure the formation of our Belleville Diocese's current and future seminarians. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you always.

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8.  
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23. John 14:23-29.*

**Keeping the Lord's Word.** Love me. Keep my words. Will teach you everything. Be not afraid. What an Easter message! From the other side of death, the living Jesus still embraces us, still teaches us, still wants the best of everything for us.

- \* How will I love God today? What impact will that have on someone else?
- \* How can I be at peace and trust in the Lord's care for me?
- \* How will I shed fear and not let my heart be troubled?

**~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ~**  
**Sunday, May 29:** K of C Mass Ministry, 8 AM, St. Joseph-Olney. with a fellowship breakfast at a local restaurant. K of C led Rosary before Mass.  
**Knight of the Month:** Steve Kuenstler- Presentation and Recognition of Senior Scholarships at St. Joseph-Olney Mass and at Senior Awards Night.

St. Joseph Church  
208 South Elliott St.  
Olney, Illinois 62450  
✚  
'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 4:15 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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